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STORM HORRORS IN NEW ENGLAND

Wreck of Schooner Davis Palmer Discovered Near Home Port.

12 MEN IN WATERY GRAVE

They Were Last Seen Celebrating Christmas at Sea—Other Wrecks Reported—Another Tidal Wave at Chelsea, Mass.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The wreck of the five masted schooner Davis Palmer was located today just outside of Devil's Back buoy, north of Commissioner's Ledge, at the entrance to Bread sound, Boston harbor. The big vessel lies submerged, but the mastheads project from the water. It is thought that the Palmer touched a shoal spot early Sunday morning, the seas during the terrific storm sweeping the decks clear and carrying the crew of twelve men to their death. The Palmer was bound from Newport News for this city with a cargo of coal and carried a crew of twelve men. The vessel lies in the channel and is a dangerous menace to other vessels. The loss of the Palmer became known yesterday when wreckage bearing her name was found on Pull Beach.

The probability of further loss of life in the recent storm became apparent this afternoon when Captain Kemp, of the tug Ariel, arrived with the report that he sighted the three top masts of a large schooner which lies one and a half miles northeast of the Gas Buoy on the Graves Ledges in the outer harbor. Nothing was seen by which the vessel could be identified.

Another Wreck Reported.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The discovery today of the wreck of the five masted schooner Davis Palmer, which sank with 12 men Sunday morning at the entrance of Broad sound was followed by the reports of another wreck in the outer harbor. This second victim of the great storm, which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was reported by Captain Kemp, of the tug Ariel, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as the "Graves."

Although Capt. Kemp locates the vessel three miles east of the wreck of the Palmer some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings and that he saw the Palmer's masts.

Seafaring men who believe that the tug boat captain is not in error about his bearings are discussing the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and the unknown schooner.

Probably the last person to see the Palmer before she sank was Captain Sookamp of the barge Hopatcong, which docked at Lynn today from Hoboken. He reported passing the Palmer off Cape Cod late Christmas afternoon. At the time the Palmer's sailors were on deck singing and celebrating the holiday in true sea fashion, all unknowing of the fate that awaited them within a few hours at the entrance to their home port.

Yesterday's roll of wrecks was increased today. The schooner Ada K. Damon, the sole support of her aged master, Captain A. K. Brewster, of York, Me., went ashore near Ipswich. She will be a total loss. Her crew managed to reach shore safely.

In Chelsea where a tidal wave broke a dyke and flooded the homes of 2,000 people, a high tide today opened two new breaks.

Many of the cellars on higher ground which had been pumped out by fire engines were again flooded. It will be weeks before the people will be able to return to their homes.

Wreck on Virginia Coast.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Capt. Dunn, of the British steamer Radiance, from Savannah, reported here having passed 85 miles off Cape Henry yesterday afternoon the derelict three-masted schooner Nettie Champion, Capt. Lloyd, of Somers Point, N. J., from Norfolk, Dec. 22 to New York, lumber laden. The crew was missing with their fate unknown. The Champion's stern davits were turned outward with the fall straps dangling, showing the crew of six or more had gone off in their yawl which was also missing. Short of coal and carrying a $631,500 cargo of cotton, the Radiance could not tow in the prize.

DEATH AT GOLDSBORO.

Mrs. W. E. Stroud Passed Away Monday Evening—The Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—Yesterday afternoon at 2:30, the wife of Mr. W. E. Stroud, cashier of the Bank of Wayne, died after a two weeks' illness. Besides her husband and three small children, the youngest only two weeks old, Mrs. Stroud is survived by her father, Mr. Walter Poole, of Clayton; two sisters, Mrs. B. L. Cuthrell, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. V. L. Barber, of Clayton, and three brothers, Messrs. Walter, Louis and Otis Poole, and a wide circle of relatives.

The funeral was held from the home this afternoon conducted by the Rev. Mr. Watkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the interment was made in Willow Dale cemetery.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Young Man Ill in Cuba—Increase of Illicit Distilling—New Charters Granted—Course in Road Building.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—A cable gram to the family here this morning from Havana, Cuba, is to the effect that Hubert C. Thompson has so far rallied from an operation for appendicitis in the Cuban capital as to be considered out of danger. His condition had been critical several days. He is a son of John W. Thompson, of this city, one of the State's best known men, and is in Cuba representing The Henry Clay & Bock Tobacco Co.

For the United States District Court which will be convened here January 4th by Judge H. G. Connor, there are now 107 entirely new cases awaiting trial, about 100 of the number being cases in which illicit distilling or selling whiskey without a license is charged. Revenue officers say that the increase in illicit distilling in all parts of the State is remarkable. The raiding forces are kept on the go all the time and they can't anything like keep up with the reports of the whereabouts of blockade stills that are coming in to the officers. It is said that the department is up aginst the necessity of increasing the raiding forces.

An amendment for the charter of the Robeson Supply Co., Tarboro, changes the name to The Robeson-Ruffin Co. George Howard is president. The Davis Drug Co., Concord, received a charter today, capital $10,000 by L. A. Brow, Ernest Porter and others.

Two requisitions from Governors of other States were honored today by Governor Kitchin. They were for Alfred Ramsey, wanted in South Carolina, for breaking into a freight car now in jail at Dallas, N. C.; and I. C. Parrott, escaped from a sentence in Tennessee for felonious assault, now in jail at Asheville.

Early in the new year there will be held a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina State Fair at which the full reports of Secretary Joseph E. Pogue and Treasurer S. L. Rotter will be presented and a final determination probably reached as to whether there is to be a two weeks exposition for 1910 in celebration of the semi-centennial of the State Fair.

The final arrangements have been made for the practical course in road building to be provided in connection with the Winter Course for farmers at the A. & M. College, the road building course to continue for two weeks beginning January 13th. It will be under the direction of Prof. W. C. Riddick, of the chair of civil engineering, and W. L. Spoon, State road engineer. The course is to cover location of roads, drainage, width and grade, surfacing, repairing, road drags and the general economic problem of building and care of roads. There is to be no charge made for the instructions given in this course and the effort will be to induce road supervisors, overseers, county commissioners and others interested in road building to attend from all sections of the State.

There were 15 cases for drunkenness in the police Justice's court this morning, coming over from Christmas. Judgment was suspended by Justice Stronach in all except one case. In that a fine of $5 was imposed because the fellow, not content with imbibing too freely, carried his excessive celebration into his home to the consternation of his wife and children by breaking up furniture and making a "scene" in other ways. Justice Stronach announced that beginning January 1st no prisoner arraigned for drunkenness will get off with less than a $5 fine.

HORRIBLE FATE OF CHILDREN.

Seven Burned to Death—Six Belonged to One Family.

DuBois, Pa., Dec. 28.—Seven children ranging in age from two to 12 years, were burned to death and three persons perhaps fatally injured last night when fire followed by an explosion of powder, destroyed the home of Steven Bronosky, a miner at Sykesville, Pa., near here. All the victims are foreigners.

Six of the children were members of the Bronosky family, and the seventh belonged to a boarder. Mr. and Mrs. Bronosky and the boarder jumped from an upper window, sustaining serious injuries.

The fire started from an overheated coal stove. It spread rapidly and communicated with a keg of mine powder. The subsequent explosion cut off all chance of saving the children.

WEST VIRGINIA'S OBLIGATIONS.

Old Dominion is Suing Her for $50,000,000.

New York, Dec. 28.—An argument bristling with ante bellum history and later incidents of the Civil War in Virginia and West Virginia, involving a claim of $50,000,000 on behalf of Virginia against the latter State was heard today before Charles E. Littlefield, as special master in equity of the United States Supreme Court.

The case is to determine the question of the apportionment of the internal debt of Virginia at the time when West Virginia was a part of the "Old Dominion."

A special report on the case will ultimately be filed in the United States Supreme Court by the master of equity.

ONCE WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Strange Career of New Senator Just Appointed From Mississippi.

LINCOLN MURDER CONSPIRACY

Federal Government Suspected Senator Gordon and Offered Reward of $10,000 for His Capture. Was Saved by Yankee

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The News Scimitar today says:

"Sought at one time by the federal authorities under a $10,000 reward for his capture dead or alive, for his alleged part in the conspiracy that resulted in the murder of a President of the United States, and now appointed as a member of the highest executive body of that country, is the strange experience of Colonel James Gordon, of Okolona, Miss., who has been named Senator by Governor Noel, of Mississippi, as a successor to the late Senator A. J. McLaurin.

"Colonel Gordon was one of several Confederate leaders suspected of being in conspiracy with J. Wilkes Booth to kill President Abraham Lincoln. He escaped arrest and probably death, only by the intervention, it is stated, of a Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords in a fight in Virginia.

"During the earlier years of the war, Colonel Gordon had formed an intimate friendship with Booth and after the assassination of President Lincoln the reward of $10,000 was offered for his capture. Colonel Gordon went to Canada and it was several months after the close of hostilities before he found it safe to return home.

"During one of the campaigns in Virginia, Colonel Gordon had crossed swords with the Colonel of a New York cavalry regiment. Both were wounded in the conflict, but they afterward became fast friends.

"Colonel Gordon wrote a letter to this New Yorker, denying that he had any part in the conspiracy, and stating that he desired to return home. The former foe took the matter up with General Dicks, then in command of the army forces in New York, and the latter sent him a passport and an invitation to come to New York and surrender, which he did. He afterwards satisfied General Dicks that he knew nothing of the Lincoln conspiracy.

"He took the oath of allegiance and returned to his home in Chickasaw county, where he has since resided."

BAD FOR TWO RACES TOGETHER.

One Communicates Its Diseases to Other—Tuberculosis and Hookworm.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—"It is an unnatural biological condition to have two closely allied species of animals living side by side in the same area," said Dr. Charles W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, in an address on the hookworm problem before the American society for the advancement of science tonight.

"The white man has brought diseases from Europe which are deadly to the blacks, and the negro has brought certain diseases from Africa which are spreading with serious results to the whites," said Dr. Stiles. He thought that the new movement towards more modern sanitation in the South would in time overcome the handicap resulting from two alien races living side by side.

More than thirty division meetings marked the second day of the convention of scientists and large gatherings listened to addresses on problems of great scientific and industrial interest. The address by Dr. Stiles was one of the most important.

Before the Society of American Bacterologists, Prof. C. F. Winslow and G. T. Palmer declared, as the result of their investigations, that the types of bacilli in a horse, cow and man are different. Whether lower animals can give tuberculosis to a man, he said, is not definitely settled. F. C. Creston, speaking before the sociological session, stated that the government immigration officials had examined three million immigrants, investigated 10,000 households and obtained valuable facts from 51,000 newly arrived people as to their future prospects in this country. By dividing the new people into races instead of places of nativity, much progress has been made in dealing with the immigration problem.

TWO OF VICTIMS ARE DEAD.

Georgian Who Shot Wife and Her Mother Will Die.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Martha Exum who was shot by her son-in-law Edward B. Alford last night, died today, the bullet which entered the neck resulting in complete paralysis of the body. This is the second death resulting from injuries inflicted by Alford, his wife having been shot and almost killed at the time he shot Mrs. Exum and himself. Doctors tonight gave out the statement that Alford cannot live through the night. The deputy sheriff who has guarded him since he was sent to the hospital was relieved from duty this afternoon the surgeons stating that death would bar the law from its course.

GRAFT OUR NATION'S BANE

Startling Declaration of Supreme Court Justice of New York—Forty Per Cent. of Public Money is Stolen.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 28—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind today is not the Stars and Stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice, Wesley O. Howard, in an opinion today reducing the compensation of members of a commission appointed to appraise damages to property resulting from the construction of the Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county, which is to furnish a water supply for New York City.

"While the commission furnishes avenues for the reckless escape of many dollars there are other channels of leakage and wastefully as appalling," said Justice Howard.

"It is greatly to be regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft'. Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money, but it is that unnecessary, wasteful use which characterizes the construction of every public welfare.

"At least 40 per cent. of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All things could be possible if this frightful leak could be stopped—roads, canals, libraries, asylums and hospitals.

"Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible. They expect graft, and even spoil and booty, to deplete their resources whenever any great undertaking is ventured by them; and they look with complacence and toleration and indifference at ravages upon their property. Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure as is cement or lumber. It has come to be a matter of course—this rake-off—a loss recognized by all who make estimates of cost in such cases. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

Justice Howard declares that the "whole project of condemnation of land in the Ashokan valley is characterized by waste, disorder and confusion."

CAUSE OF AURORA BOREALIS.

Vanderbilt Professer Claims to Have Made New Discovery.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made today by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry of Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn., before the division of physicial and inorganic chemists.

Dr. Dudley showed what he claimed to be the only sample of neon in this country. It requires over 100 tons of air to get a pint of neon. Dr. Dudley has discovered that the friction of neon against mercury in a Crook's tube produces a yellow light, and when held near a wireless coil hertzian waves illuminate the gas.

Dr. Dudley's conclusions are that at the magnetic poles of the earth neon under high pressure, because of the cold, is acted upon by magnetic currents, thus producing the aurora borealis, a phenomenon that has always puzzled scientists.

OUTLINES.

The Memphis News-Scimitar publishes the curious story that the Federal government once offered a reward of $10,000, dead or alive, for Col. James Gordon, just appointed United States Senator from Mississippi, because of alleged connection with the conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln. Gordon was saved by a Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords.——The wrecking of the schooner Davis Palmer off Boston and the loss of 12 men is confirmed and several other wrecks are reported. Another tidal wave drove 2,000 people from their homes at Chelsea, Mass., yesterday.——In the Brokaw divorce hearing in New York yesterday Mrs. Brokaw's counsel wrung many damaging and racy replies from Mr. Brokaw.——The peace proposal of President Madriz in Nicaragua, will not be accepted by General Estrada, as it is believed to be a means to trick the revolutionists. Madriz will send an army to fight Estrada——The worst ice gorge for years has formed at Pittsburg and river traffic is tied up.——Anthony Murphy, a pioneer of Atlanta, one of two men who pursued and recaptured a locomotive from its Federal captors, died in Atlanta yesterday.——The worst snow storm in years is reported from Norfolk.——The Navy Department will equip all naval militia armories with a four-inch gun equipped with Morris tubes.——Near DuBois, Pa., Tuesday night seven children were burned to death in a residence which was consumed.——Madison Square Garden, in New York, has been sold for $3,000,000 and will be replaced with a huge office building——In discussing the hookworm problem at Boston yesterday, Dr. Stiles declares that it was bad for two races to live together, each communicating its diseases to the other.——New York markets: Money on call firm 5 to 5 3-4 per cent., ruling rate and closing bid 5, offered at 5 1-2. Spot cotton 10 points higher, closing quiet at 15.85. Flour unchanged. Wheat irregular, No. 2 red 1.27 elevator domestic and 1.26 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Corn easy, No. 2, 70 1-4 elevator domestic, 70 3-4 delivered and 63 1-2 f.o.b. afloat nominal. Oats steady, mixed 47. Turpentine and rosin, steady.

THE EDUCATORS IN CHARLOTTE

Southern Educational Association Begins Interesting Session.

N. CAROLINA'S FINE RECORD

During Year School House Has Been Built for Every Day in State—Prominent Educators Talk. President Eliot.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Southern Educational Association convened in its initial session in Charlotte today. Although the attendance at the preliminary exercises was rather meagre, the numbers of visitors increased rapidly with the passing of the hours. Addresses were delivered morning and evening in the auditorium of the Presbyterian College.

Addresses of welcome by State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner and Mayor T. W. Hawkins, and City Superintendent Alexander Graham, a response by Mr. R. J. Tighe, superintendent of the Asheville schools, and formerly secretary of the association, and reports from several State superintendents of education, were conspicuous features of the morning session.

The meeting this morning was opened by Rev. Dr. J. R. Bridges, who offered the invocatory prayer. Mayor Hawkins then presented State Superintendent Joyner, who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the people of North Carolina.

Superintendent Joyner recounted the progress of education in the South in the past year and directed attention to the fact that during 1909 a new school house had been built every day in North Carolina. Mayor Hawkins also delivered an address of welcome. The response to the several addresses of welcome was made by Superintendent R. J. Tighe, of Asheville.

The most important feature of the morning session was the hearing of reports from the State superintendents of education of the various States in the organization. As only four State superintendents were present, however, these reports consumed relatively little time, but they proved of intense interest, Kentucky's report upon the suggestion of Hon. J. Y. Joyner, of North Carolina, being accepted as the best and finest report rendered.

The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to the annual address of President J. H. VanSickle, superintendent of the Baltimore public schools, and the address by Miss C. S. Parrish, of the State Normal school of Georgia, and Dr. W. F. Anderson, of the University of Tennessee.

Various auxiliary bodies are meeting in connection with the association, including the American School Peace League, the Southern Association for Improvement of Public School Houses, the Religious Educational Association, and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology.

President-emeritus Eliot, of Harvard, will deliver an address before the association Thursday. University presidents of Missouri, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee will also speak during the convention. President VanSickle called the meetings to order today.

ICE GORGE AT PITTSBURG.

River Traffic Tied Up at Pittsburg and Navigation Closed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—With tons upon tons of ice piled high against the piers of bridges spanning the Ohio river here and at points below Pittsburg, traffic has been entirely abandoned and rivermen are preparing to cope with one of the worst ice packs ever experienced in the local harbor.

An estimated ten million bushels of coal has been diverted from its usual river transportation to Southern points and cars are being asked for from all railroads by coal operators who realize that it may be weeks before the packet owners can again take up the work of transporting the coal fleets down the Ohio.

At Pittsburg river navigation ceased Christmas day. At Wheeling, W. Va., rivermen are preparing craft in that harbor. Precautions have been taken to avoid loss of property along the water front where many packets and empty coal fleets lie tied up.

From Wheeling to New Martinsville, W. Va., a distance of 35 miles, a solid sheet of ice marks the course of the Ohio river. Weather canditions at all points do not indicate any marked change in the weather and it is the prediction of river men that the present severe conditions will prevail for at least a week if not for weeks.

JERSEY CORPORATION BANKRUP

Receiver Appointed for Southern Public Service Corporation.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 28.—Vice Chancellor Leaming today appointed James Calloway, of Atlantic City, receiver of the Southern Public Service Corporation, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey to build railroads in South Carolina and Georgia. The company is capitalized at $1,500,000. The receiver was appointed upon application of Ludwig & Co., an engineering concern, which claims that the company is insolvent.

BAD DAY FOR W. G. BROKAW

Divorce Trial Getting Next to Him. Wife's Counsel Wring From Him Some Racy Facts—Was Awfully Jealous.

New York, Dec. 28.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. I., today. He had previously testifield of his attitude of fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of $60,000 a year, but today under skilful cross-examination by her lawyer, he was forced to admit that he had accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man, of drinking too much port wine and of smoking cigarettes. He also admitted that his secretary, Byford, had assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bed room on one occasion.

Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details. The pretty plaintiff, however, was in as light humor as her husband was dark.

It became known today that Mrs. Frank J. Gould, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Horace White, of Syracuse, and other friends of Mrs. Brokaw had offered to appear as witnesses in her behalf, but counsel for Mrs. Brokaw said that he considered his client's case sufficiently strong and declined offer. These friends were nearly all members of a household party to which Brokaw had strongly objected and it is said they are willing to give their version of the affair.

Brokaw gave his definition of a drinking man. He has testified before that he does not drink.

"Can you recall any time when you were in what you called has been called the 'trivially exhilarirted state?' asked Mrs. Brokaw's lawyer.

"I cannot" replied the witness.

"When do you think a man qualifies as a drinking man?" he was asked.

"Well," said Brokaw, "I would not call any one a 'drinking man' who takes less than seven or eight drink a day."

Mr. Brokaw was questioned sharply about the breaking down of the door of his wife's bed room in their Great Neck home. It was Secretary Byford who forced the door, Mr. Brokaw testified. Before resorting to force they had rapped repeatedly without eliciting a response, and the husband feared that something had happened to Mrs. Brokaw.

Then came another letter the reading of which seemed to please the witness. It was written by him to Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Brokaw's mother in August 1908. One portion of it read: "Some man is behind her who is ill advising her regarding me, to get rid of me. Well, when we are divorced he can have her."

Brokaw denied that he had ever taken his wife to physician to have her examined because he suspected her of taking drugs. He had Mrs. Brokaw go to a doctor, he declared, that she might be examined for nervousness.

Mrs. Baldwin drew from the witness after the reading of the letter to Mrs. Blair that he had been mistaken previously when he said that he had never suspected his wife.

At Attorney McIntyre's request the rest of the letter was read. Part of it were: "I do not mind Maary drinking one glass of port wine before meals to build her up, but in Paris she took it to excess, drinking two or three glasses. She got to like it too much.

"She took to smoking cigarettes. This was one of Mary's promises before we were married—not to smoke.

"She now goes through my clothes, my pockets and my secretary's desk, trying to see what she can find. All I am saying I can prove in court. I wish you would come and keep her straight. I cannot have such a woman living in my house."

STOCK EXCHANGE SCANDAL.

Committee Investigating Suspicious Deal in Rock Island.

New York, Dec. 28.—Without delay, the Stock Exchange committee today began its investigation into the causes which sent Rock Island common stock soaring for an advance of 30 points yesterday and then dropped the stock back again to its starting point, causing a squeeze of the shorts.

The committee of three met today and will go over the trading sheets. By the testimony of a number of witnesses who appeared before the committee, it was shown that eight or more brokerage houses were active in the buying of Rock Island common during yesterday's flurry. It is the purpose of the committee to trace these orders to their source.

It is expected that the inquiry will be concluded by Friday. Full publicity of the result is promised by the officials of the exchange.

RANK VANDALISM IN NEW YORK.

Madison Square Garden to be Demolished—Will Spoil Horse Show.

New York, Dec. 28.—Madison Square Garden erected at a cost of $3,000,000 has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in realty circles today. The property has been on the market for some time at $3,000,000. Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the National Horse Show, where the event is held annually.

THE YEAR 1910.

With the beginning of the year 1910 The People's Savings Bank at Front and Princess streets, begins a New Interest Quarter. If you make your deposits with this bank now (The "People's" Bank) you will receive credit for your interest in Three Months, (April 1st.) de 28-3t.

PEACE PROPOSAL IN NICARAGUA

Revolutionary Leader Will Not Accept Proposition of President Madriz.

MADRIZ WILL FIGHT ESTRADA

Believed That New President's Intentions Are to Trick Revolutionists. American Warships Relieves Starving Soldiers.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, is only a provisional president and that he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the executive office.

Asked about the conditions imposed by the British government in reply to his request for asylum aboard the British cruiser Sherwater, Zelaya admitted that he was told he could board her only with the understanding that he was to agree to leave Nicaragua forever. These conditions, he said, he declined to accept.

Mexico, on the other hand, he declared, made no reservations in granting him permission to board the Guerrero.

Repudiates Madriz Government.

New York, Dec. 28.—P. Bolanos, the Nicaraguan consul in New York, refuses to take seriously his discharge as consul by the new Madriz government at Managua. The consul declares that he will not recognize the order from Manague cancelling his letters patent and relieving him of his duties as consul. Today he gave out the text of the following cablegram he had sent to Managua:

"Baca,

"Managua.

"I will not receive any orders from you, being that it is not from a constitutional government, and I will not receive orders in the future unless it is from a government which is recognized by the United States."

This dispatch, said Mr. Bolanos today, was sent in reply to a communication received in this consulate by a gentleman calling himself Consul General Baca from Managua and advising the consul that his letters patent have been cancelled.

"I maintain that the government now established at Managua, and headed by Jose Madriz, is not recognized by the government of the United States and the other republics of Central America, and in consequence the orders issued from Managua are void."

Zelaya Not Prisoner.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya denied today that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officials in any sense of the word. He stated emphatically that such was not the case and that he was free to go where he chose.

Zelaya declared that he favored friendly intervention on the part of Mexican and United States governments to the end that a consolidation of all the Central American republics might be brought about.

He said he believed Secretary Knox was now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him and declared he never understood why the Secretary should have molested him.

He might go to Belgium to live, he said. In any event, he would not return to Nicaragua until peace is restored. It was his opinion that the war would end within two months, but he would not venture an opinion as to which of the combatants would be finally successful.

Peace Proposal Trick.

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Estrada, the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by the new president Madriz, as a basis for peace.

A telegram from Bluefields received late last night states that Madriz has proposed, in a telegram to Estrada a suspension of hositilities, pending the arrival of a commission which he was sending to Estrada to discuss an amicable and equitable settlement of the present strife. Madrid begged the revolutionary leader not to obstruct his efforts for peace. General Estrada in his reply expressed his willingness to meet the Madriz commissioners, but said that the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz. He denied most emphatically the assembly's right to deal with the election of President, and stated that he say in Madriz the usurper of the rights of the Nicaraguan people.

The terms upon which Madriz is willing to make peace, it is believed, are shown in a letter which purports to have been signed by him and at addressed to a friend. In it he expressed his desire for peace without further bloodshed and stated that whatever might happen compatible with his dignity and with the public interests he was willing to accept. He says further that after such recognition both armies should be disbanded, all arms and ammunition being turned over to him. He states that he would recognize the debts and contracts of the revolutionists and that within six months he would look for the holding of an election, he guaranteeing free voting. He adds that he would turn over such power as he had impartially to the person

elected president and that he would accept any other proper conditions.

It is not doubted here that Estrada's known astuteness will prevent him from accepting terms of peace, predicated upon the prior surrender by him of his army, arms and ammunition to his enemy. Therefore, it is not believed that the conference between Estrada and the Madriz commissioners will result in any particular change in the present status.

A telegram from Managua received at the State Department says that the Madriz party is making preparations to send troops to the eastward to meet Estrada's army.

A telegram from Consult Moffit at Bluefields, dated last Sunday says that under the direct supervision of Commanders Shipley and Niblack, men detailed from the Des Moines and the Tacoma began on Christmas morning to ration 1,500 hungry Zelayan soldiers brought there as prisoners. Pending the arrival of the Prairie from Colon with provisions, surplus supplies from the ships are being landed. Estrada's officials are rendering all possible assistance and furnishing blankets, clothing and shoes as rapidly as possible. Three hundred prisoners are being temporarily provided for by Estrada at Rama and 200 more are being cared for by friends and relatives in Bluefields.

Commander Shipley at Bluefields, in a dispatch, dated yesterday states that the reports hitherto sent out regarding the number of killed and wounded, prisoners taken, etc., at the recent battle at Rama were much exaggerated and that the ammunition captured amounted to only about 100,000 rounds, and the killed do not more than 500. Commander Shipley also states that he has fed 1,400 prisoners of war since December 24th and more are to arrive.

Horrors of Battle.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 28.—Searching parties have been working in the bush for the past few days and burning bodies. In the recent fight near Rama General Estrada's guard of honor, consisting of 100 of the best blood in Bluefields, was almost wiped out of existence.

The American surgeons who took care of the wounded labored for 72 hours with scarcely a rest, their skill and the rapidity with which they performed the operations saving many lives.

Former Governor Lopez, who is a second cousin of ex-President Zelaya, has been released from jail on his promise to join Estrada.

The hundreds of prisoners who have arrived here from Rama tell pitiful tales of the privation to which their emaciated forms and swollen feet tetify. Zelaya had promised to send a pack train to them weekly with supplies, but none ever came. For 24 days the rations of the men consisted of bananas only and for five days they were entirely without food. Many of them could scarcely hold their rifles on account of their swollen hands, while their shoeless feet made marching an agony. Many of the prisoners said that they did not know why they were fighting but vaguely feared that some catastrophe was about to happen.

In a statement made to an Associated Press representative on the train in which he is traveling to Mexico City, Zelaya said that he still was the head of the Nicaraguan government. He was leaving his country for an indefinite period in the hope that affairs there would quiet down. In support of his declaration, he exhibited papers attached to which were government seals and ribbons. These papers, he said, contained the proof of the truth of his statement.

In further support of his claim it was pointed out by members of his party that the Guerrero floated the Nicaraguan flag at her masthead in addition to the Mexican flag.

The reports concerning his wealth, Zelaya said, were grossly exaggerated. His fortune is not over $2,000,000 gold and is invested mostly in Nicaraguan government bonds. He strongly denied that he had wrongly obtained any part of his fortune through concessions of which he had the disposal.

Exiles Taunt Zelaya.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Native Nicaraguans exiled and driven from home by President Zelaya during his reign, are rejoicing over the latter's downfall and are taunting the fleeing president with insulting telegrams and even inviting him to come to the Mexican frontier and meet with them in physical combat.

One of them, Dr. Marcos E. Velazquez, now in Washington, wired Zelaya at Mexico City today reciting the latter's alleged shameless career in Nicaragua and inviting him to the border line of the United States to fight a duel. Dr. Velazquez was exiled from Nicaragua by President Zelaya nine years ago and has since been a resident of Panama. He came to the United States two weeks ago to lend aid to the cause of General Estrada, bearing with him letters to President Taft and Secretary Knox.

PROBING SENSATIONAL MURDER

Pittsburg Detectives Probing Killing of 14-Year-Old Boy.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—After questioning half a score of persons and applying the third degree police method to half as many more, the entire detective force of Greater Pittsburg, assisted by at least 20 agencies, detectives are still at sea as to the possible man or men implicated in the foul murder of 14-year-old James Friel, whose frozen and partly nude body was found late last night in a deserted house in Allegheny where it had been probably placed Christmas day after the throat had been slashed from ear to ear. A coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow when sensational developments in the case are not unlikely.

WILL OPPOSE SHIP SUBSIDY.

Leader Champ Clark Defines Democratic Position in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 28.—"The programme of the House at this session is to keep down the amount of appropriation bills and to vote against the ship subsidy," said minority leader Champ Clarke, of Missouri, today. "The House leaders are rushing everything to get the appropriation measures through and that subject and the ship subsidy preparation seem to be about the only two things that are to be taken up. We are opposed to the ship subsidy bill. We favor a river and harbor bill. I look for adjournment of Congress in April, certainly by May 1st."

THRILLING WAR ADVENTURE.

Death of Confederate Who Foiled Capture of Locomotive.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Anthony Murphy, aged 80, a pioneer citizen of the South and one of the two men who pursued and captured the famous engine "General" when the latter had been seized and carried off from Marietta, Ga., by Federal raiders during the Civil War, died here today.

Murphy was born in Ireland and came to this country when 26 years old. He became one of the constructors of the Western & Atlantic Railroad, but when the war broke out entered the Confederate service and by his skill in mechanics was assigned by Governor Brown, father of the present Governor, to assemble men to make guns. On April 12, 1862, the Federal secret service aranged to seize a train at Marietta, cut off the engine, run it from Big Shanty, Ga., to Chattanooga, Tenn., burning bridges and cutting wires between the two places and thus cutting the Confederate line of communications. The plan was carried out almost successfully. The Federal officers boarded the train at Marietta, Ga., and while the passengers and crew were at breakfast at Big Shanty, seven miles north of Marietta, cut off the engine and started it on a mad race of destruction.

The action of the Federal party, who posed as Southern refugees, anxious to join the Confederate army, aroused the suspicion of the capture. Mr. Murphy, who was then foreman of the Western & Atlantic round house at Big Shanty. When the "General" started on its wild race, Murphy and two others started on foot in pursuit, seized a hand car later, ran it to Etowah where the engine "Texas" was impressed.

For 51 miles the race continued to Ringgold, Ga., where the "General" was captured as the men in charge attempted to burn a bridge. Several of the Federal officers were summarily executed. But the plan of the Union forces to cut the Confederate communications was defeated.

Although the engines were of a crude type, most of the race was made at the rate of 60 miles an hour. Murphy was the engineer and Jeff Cain, the train engineer, and Capt. Fuller, the conductor, fired for him.

The war left Murphy penniless, but he set to work again cheerfully and when he died had amassed a fortune of half a million dollars in the sawmill and lumber business.

CAVALIER AND PURITAN MYTHS.

University Men Discussing History and Economic Science.

New York, Dec. 28.—Heads of three of the largest universities of the country—President Hadley, of Yale; Lowell, of Harvard, and Butler, of Columbia—were central figures in the gathering of political and social scientists and historians at Columbia University today.

Dr. Lowell, the new and young head of Harvard, delivered a striking address on the "Physiology of Politics" in which he took shots at the ethical reformers as well as at the "bosses." He regretted that men in public life are so inclined to disregard suggestion from academic sources, even when based on political study of results. He considered the question of direct primaries as among the most important of the day.

Dr. Hadley spoke along more academic lines; Dr. Butler did not deliver an address. At a joint session of the Historical Economic Convention with the American Historical Association, whose president, Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University, read a paper treating also of the dangers of inaccuracy, in those case to another branch of learned investigation. Prof. Hart's paper was one on "Imagination in History."

"The pressing danger of the republic is inaccuracy," said Mr. Hart. "Even historical scholars are not without their failings, their prejudices and their falsehoods. Is there no penal code for those who undertake to write history out of something other than the records?" asked the speaker.

"What we need is a genuinely scientific school of history, which shall remonselessly examine the sources and separate the wheat from the chaff."

President Hart declared that American history, on its controversial side, has been enriched by several distinct attempts to manufacture myths to order. The first of these might be called the worship of the Pilgrim fathers; he said it is the ascription to a band of men and women who represented a splendid cause and were pioneers in a magnificent historical pageant of virtues, which are, in fact, possessed only by their descendants. By similar myth, he continued, comes the exaltation of the Southern cavalier ,who was a personage about as infrequent in Virginia as in New York

TRAINING FOR PRIZE FIGHT.

Jack Johnson's Quarters Being Placed in Order.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Work was started today on the equipment of the gymnasium in the barn at the rear of Jack Johnson's new home here. The negro champion planned to do a large amount of his preliminary training in his new gymnasium. According to the plans he will have an ideal training place when it is finished. A 24 foot ring will be the main piece of furniture in the new gymnasium.

Johnson said today that he would have a large training staff consisting of "Gunboat Smith," Monte Cutler, Jack Heiman and several others.

BIG TAX ON PLAYING CARDS.

In One Year Our People Pay Uncle Sam $61,381.

Washington, Dec. 28.—People of the United States paid $61,381 taxes on playing cards during November last an increase of $11,461 over the corresponding period of 1908. This fact is shown in the detailed statement of receipts of internal revenue for the last month made public today. With few exceptions the items of taxation in the November statement show material increases over those of a year ago, the net increase aggregating $2,695,717.

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AWFUL BLIZZARD NORTH OF US.

Snow Thirty Inches Deep in Virginia and Maryland—Traffic Tied Up.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—With traffic completely tied up on the eastern shores of Virginia and Maryland as the result of the Winter's worst snow storm, no mail had reached Norfolk up to noon today from the north and east since Saturday night with the exception of one small pouch which came in through Washington during last night. The snow precipitation along the Central lines of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad is reported as upwards of thirty inches. Winds ranging from forty to fifty miles on hour during yesterday so drifted the snow as to block all tarins worse than ever. Passengers who left Norfolk last night by steamer are still storm bound at Cape Charles. All telegraphic communication is cut off north of Cape Charles.

The passenger steamer Jamestown which arrived here from New York seven hours late, was caught in the teeth of the terrific storm which swept the Atlantic coast Saturday and Sunday, her commander, Capt. Catherine reporting the ship's experience to have been the worst during his 15 years of coasting service. The steamer labored heavily, her smoke stack being once almost knocked out by mountainous seas. The steamer escaped serious injury and her 75 passengers were landed unhurt but badly shaken up.

ENCOURAGING NAVAL MILITIA.

Four-inch Guns to be Supplied to Various Armories.

Washington, Dec. 28.—With a view of procuring a higher degree of proficiency among the naval militia of the various States, acting Secretary Winthrop of the Navy today directed that a four-inch gun equipped with Morris tubes, be sent to each of the naval militia armories throughout the country for training purposes. The recruiting officer in the district in which the armories are located, will be ordered to superintend the practice. This is done with the two-fold object of having the practice conducted along proper lines and of making the work of recruiting more successful. Armories in 23 States are affected by this step.

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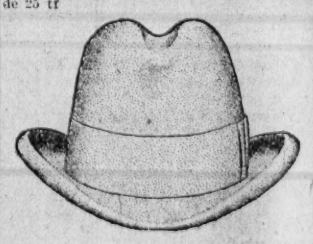

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¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

"Champeen" on Stills.

News and Observer: Sheriff S. H. Wheeler, of Granville county, claims to be the State champion sheriff in the matter of capturing illicit distilleries. He says he has destroyed 14 stills in 11 months and that he has collected and paid into the State Treasury twice as much taxes ever before paid in the same length of time.

Crack End Selling Books.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. R. W. Winston, Jr., of Raleigh, is in the city as the representative of Flanagan & Co., publishers of school books, of Chicago, in connection with the Southern Educational Association. Mr. Winston is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina and is well known to football-lovers as one of the crack ends on the recent team of that institution. Mr. Winston was accorded the position of end on two second All-South-Atlantic football teams made up by experts from the picked players of this section and is regarded by Coach Brides of Carolina as the football find of the season. He is also a ten-second man on the race track.

Y. M. C. A. "Hikers."

Charlotte Observer: The intermediates of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association are planning for a big hiking trip out to the country Thursday, leaving the building at 8:30 A. M., and taking the old Dowd road for the tramp. The trip will be quite unique and interesting and the boys are anticipating a royal big time. Every hiker will wear such clothes as will stand the rough and tear of woods and briars. Only boys over 14 will be taken on this trip. Those desiring to enlist should leave their names at the boys' headquarters, where full particulars will be given regarding the trip.

SMASHED MUSICAL "DOVE."

Abrupt Ending of Charlotte Christmas Observance.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

Feeling no doubt a surcharged condition of physical energy, produced by the all-pervading Christmas spirit, and finding no other outlet, John Grissom, colored, heard the sweet strains of Christmas music issuing from a house as he passed along on his joy walk, and prompted by some as yet unknown little devil of meanness, he gathered up several stones lying along the street, and hurled them unceremoniously into the room whence came the Christmas carol. Then he started into the house, and proceeded to raise a scene suggesting that he was utterly bereft of all knowledge of polite etiquette. The terrified inmates remonstrated, whereupon Grissom seized one of the women in the room and threw her down, perhaps thinking this was the proper manner in which to show his good will towards the race and his desire to be on good terms with mankind in general. After having broken several window panes, and scattered the inmates of the house about like pawns on a chessboard, he stood in the midst of the devastation wrought and smiled the smile of the conquering hero. The limit of his "unetiquettical" conduct, however, was his rude stopping of the music, the song being sung "The Dove in the Ark", a sacred melody, which Julie Ferrell was singing for the friends gathered in the parlor. When the song ceased then retribution swift and terrible set in for the intruder, and he was soon in the hands of the police. "Just $25 you'll have to pay for breaking into a Christmas party and stopping that song, and breaking windows," remarked the recorder, as he wrote the entry which made the defendant the city's debtor in the sum named. Grissom pleaded that he was a friend of the family's and that he had not intended to do anything out of the way, which proved conclusively to the court that Grissom needed coaching on etiquette thoroughly before he is again permitted to enter a social gathering.

JUST A WANDEROO.

The Story of a Man Whose Name is Best Unknown.

(News and Observer.)

During the rush of travel just before Christmas a train broke down at Millbrook, three miles north of Raleigh, and the passengers were delayed there for some time. The residence of State Treasurer B. R. Lacy is only a little distance from the station, and it so happened that some of the friends of the family were on the train. Members of the family, in the spirit of its well known hospitality, went to the train and invited several to Mr. Lacy's home, to have coffee or tea and light refreshments. One in the party was an elderly gentleman, who at first declined to go, but the warmth of the invitation moved him and he accepted. While waiting for the train to be put in readiness for the departure many pleasant moments were passed and the guests were treated to delightful refreshments. As they rose to go the elder guest asked how much he owed. He was assured that he owed nothing, that the entertainment had not been given by a hotel or boarding house. He declared that he was not an object of charity, and his face flushed with the purple of indignation. His hosts refused, of course, any compensation, and the man, asserting his ability to pay, and repeating that he was nobody to be pitied and made the subject of charity, with an air of angered pride threw down ten cents, saying he would pay for what he ate. Such gentlemen, it is happy to remark, are not seen in these parts often.

BIG CARVING IN RALEIGH.

Christmas Among Negroes Raises Knives and Pistols.

(Raleigh Times.)

As a result of a fight last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock, two negroes are in the hospital, two in the police station and one hiding out. The direct cause of the trouble is attributed to gambling, with women and whiskey as contributory causes. There was a crowd of negroes at the house of one Griffis, when Toby Slick, the fleet-footed, and Will Lane had words and started the mix-up. Toby drew a pistol and tried his best to convert Lane into a lead mine, but his workmanship was bad. Just where and how the others got into it has not been made clear, but when in response to a hurry-up call the policemen arrived on the scene, Will Lane was badly carved up, particularly as to his scalp, and Tom Giles was carrying a bullet. When the officers were approaching the place, Toby decided to vacate, but policeman Wyatt is somewhat of a sprinter, and soon had Toby safely under arrest. Ruffin Taylor, the man who so effectively wielded the knife, was arrested yesterday morning. The other negro in the affair is still at large. Toby and Taylor will be tried as soon as the wounded men get able to come into court.

GOES TO GEORGIA.

Dr. L. J. Herring Accepts Flattering Offer of State.

(News and Observer.)

Dr. L. J. Herring has been elected to a position with the State Experiment Station in the State of Georgia and will begin his new duties on the first of January. He will have supervision of the veterinary and dairy departments. The people of Raleigh regret very much to see Dr. Herring leave the city. As student at the A. & M. College he made many friends and as veterinarian he has built up a large practice and fitted up a modern veterinarian hospital. Dr. L. F. Koonce, who was here for four years a student of the A. & M. College, and who has graduated at the Kansas City Veterinary College, will reach Raleigh today to succeed Dr. Herring. He will be gladly welcomed back to his native State. The State Experiment Station of Georgia is to be congratulated upon the accession of a gentleman so well qualified, and the social life of the community will receive valued accessions in the person of Dr. Herring and his charming wife.

FAYETTEVILLE'S MERRY LIQUOR.

Brands for Christmas Not of Fighting Variety.

(Fayetteville Observer.)

It is the opinion of the police that the whiskey shipped here this Christmas was of a better quality than usual; there was laughing whiskey, dancing whiskey and preaching whiskey, but very little fighting fluid.

While there was the usual amount of drinking, there was less disorderly conduct this year than usual; due as suggested above, to a better quality of liquor, which in turn was due no doubt to the ability this year of people to order their whiskey, instead of relying on the blind tigers. In Wilmington and Charlotte, the same reasoning probably would apply, to a more limited extent, however, for while in both those cities the number of arrests for disorderly conduct while drunk, was staggering, there were but few serious affrays.

FAYETTEVILLE RAISES LICENSE.

"Nigh Beer" Dealers Must Pay $500 Instead of $100—Paving.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 28.—At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held last night for the purpose of taking into consideration the matter of continuing the street pavement, the near beer license matter was discussed at some length and a motion prevailed that the tax be made in the future $500 instead of $100 as heretofore. The finance committee was authorized to borrow money to continue the paving on Person street and to pledge the unpaid assessment of property owners for this improvement until same is collected The Mayor read a communication in regard to the paving assessment against the Federal building, asking that same be cancelled as this property is not subject to taxation. Upon motion the tax collector was instructed to cancel the assessment on the tax books.

HIGH FARM PRODUCTS TO STAY

Largest Proportion of People Want to Live in Town.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is playing out; the present census, if it classes the unincorporated villages as towns, will show between 60 and 65 per cent of population living in towns," declared Minority Leader Champ Clark, of the House today. "At the present rate, in twenty years, the United States will cease to be an exporting nation for agricultural purposes except as to cotton.

One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the world movement of people toward the towns and cities, while a few people in towns and cities have gardens and raise chickens and occasionally pigs, practically the entire town and city population are non producers of anything to eat but are consumers only. For the first time last year Argentine beat us in exporting corn; and Argentine and Brazil are now fixing to take the frozen meat trade from Europe. Until we adopt the intensive system of agriculture we have nearly reached our limit of agricultural output.

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Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
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A SERMON IN A PUG.

There is sad reflection in the recent defeat in Australia of Bob Fitzsimmons, once champion pugilist, by one Bill Lange, a third-rater whom ten years ago the long and lanky Bob would have finished with one solitary "punch". From all accounts the old man was "game". Doubtless he called back to aid him all the old ring strategy, all the precepts of experience, all the recollections of mistakes that had in his varied career shown him how to win and pointed him the way to danger. He had the science, the skill, the courage on his side; Lange had youth on his side. The veteran dropped at length exhausted, beaten by a weaker man.

Fitzsimmons was a master pugilist. He recognized, as few others have, that success in the ring is not so much cleverness as persistency; not so much brilliancy in defense as ability to take punishment without a grunt; not so much intrepidity in assault as the cool, constant "boring in" in search of opportunity to deliver a "knockout blow". He faced many a cleverer boxer, and beat him to a frazzle. He faced stronger men and wore them out. He knew that pugilism is, in essence, the ability to hold on, to take one's medicine, to keep one's feet. No one ever raved over his ring "tactics", though of course he knew much about the game. But when Fitzsimmons fought, it was known that he would never quit, so long as he could stand.

Now, an old fighter, he finds it impossible to stand. His heart fails him. His lungs, that once made of his hairy chest a sounding drum, puff like a bellows with his own blows. He is a "has-been", holding to the fringe of things. He is the tragedy, not only of the prize ring, but of life. The things that made him a success are the things that make successes elsewhere—persistency, doggedness, callousness, soberness. He was among pugilists noted as much for parsimony as for prowess. He made a fortune, and held to it. Then came defeat—the inevitable defeat—and he did not know enough to quit the one thing he knew. He fought again, was beaten again. He took to fighting his old battles over again, across the bar. He deserted his old, faithful, pugnacious Irish wife. He was in turn deserted by her successful show-girl successor, who did not want a broken down pug in her entourage. His money went, but still he fought, until now he has passed what will probably be his last chance to draw a crowd to watch him beaten. At a time of life when other men are just coming fully into earning capacity and responsibility, "old Fitz" is well-nigh on the ash heap.

Yet typical as this story is of the prize ring and its vices, it has its counterpart in every-day life. The young crowd the old. For a time the "champions" win their way, more exhausted with every battle; while their young opponents, in endless procession, come up, and come up, ready, healthy, confident, and smiling. Now and then a "first-rater" is whipped, and the heartless taunt him as he gets up, with the tragedy of age upon him, to fight again, in a lower class. And, finally, while the youngsters square themselves in the ring, these old timers look on and see their misplays, and see their errors of judgment—and yet know that against all their knowledge, one strong, hearty punch of youth is sufficient to win the battle.

A brilliantly successful man of middle age was going into retirement. His friends wondered, queried him.

"Ah", said he with a sad smile, "I made up my mind long ago that if it were possible I'd never hang on till the boys got to running circles around me."

There was wisdom, which Fitzsimmons might have heeded. Unfortunately, it was wisdom which few old men can heed, if they would. They must fight on, and fight on, against ever increasing odds. It is to the young that this lesson should make appeal—to those who still have the "punch" and who, feeling in their strength a fictitious eternity of energy, can get both sermon and prophecy by turning simply to the sporting page.

Is Mexico giving Zelaya an "asylum", or is it crazy itself in attempting to do so?

CAN'T CRUCIFY LONG.

Not content with having delayed execution of sentence for a year and with having, in addition, "worked" the Governor for a repeal until April 1st, the friends of Baxter Shemwell, Davidson county desperado of wealth and influence, are now threatening to have the political head of Judge B. F. Long, who imposed the jail sentence that broke the Shemwell record of crime without the complication of punishment. In the Charlotte Observer a signed dispatch from Lexington reads, in part, as follows:

"By far the most interesting feature that the matter has assumed is the statement by parties in close touch with the situation that the case will go into politics affecting the tenth judicial district. It is said that close friends of Governor Kitchin brought influence to bear in getting the reprieve and that the intention was to use political influence to defeat Judge Long for the renomination in the convention next spring if at the expiration of the reprieve that gentleman does not sign a request to the Governor for a pardon for Shemwell. Judge Long has a strong following in his district, which is composed of Davidson, Randolph, Montgomery, Stanley, Iredell, Rowan, Davie and Yadkin counties, and the statement that a fight on the Judge would be made on account of the matter will rally Judge Long's friends to his support, should any attempt along this line be made. I received my information in regard to the proposed plan to ring Judge Long in the matter in this way not from one source, but in fact, from two widely divided forces, within the party to which Judge belongs."

It is also stated that a close friend of Governor Kitchin is to be disciplined politically because he refused to sign the petition for pardon, on the ground that such action on Governor Kitchin's part would be "political suicide," but the threats making against Judge Long illustrate better than anything else could do the initial folly of Governor Kitchin's granting of the reprieve. We had understood that Shemwell's power lay in the fact that he inspired terror among the cowardly in his town and county; it is a new revelation of his resources that he aspires to political autocracy, as well.

As to Judge Long, the people of the State need have no fear. If a man's consistent record may count for anything, he will never sign a petition for the reduction of Shemwell's sentence. It so happens that this judge has been peculiarly tried. He has consistently met the crises which have been forced upon him. In the Shemwell case he was not the Judge who in the natural order of events would have presided at the trial. The outcome proved that the facts of Shemwell's reputation, his influence, his money, and his residence in the Judge's district did not serve to influence the Judge's action. In the railroad rate cases in 1907 it was Judge Long who forced things to a head by standing for the law of the State, as against a possible interference with that law by the Judges of the Federal judiciary. It was Judge Long who, on four separate occasions, was chosen by Governors Aycock and Glenn to hold special courts in cases where mob law was threatened. In neither of those cases did the lynching occur, and when one did occur at Salisbury, it was Judge Long who presided at the session of the court that showed that lynching was a crime punishable by imprisonment in North Carolina. On the other hand, it was Judge Long who, on the Superior Court bench, upheld, in the face of clamor and bitterness, the validity of the North Carolina railroad lease. So that in him the State has a man who is neither for one side nor the other: he hews the line, whether the prisoner at the bar be Baxter Shemwell, wealthy bully, or the drunken ex-convict who led a mob at Salisbury.

The fact that Shemwell and his friends are now after his judicial scalp will not affect his future in the slightest; but it indicates, as proof added on proof, the truth that there is more to the Shemwell case in its application to the State than can be successfully slurred over or laughed off—even by Governor Kitchin.

The Greensboro News may consider that the position of a party paper prevents comment which is pertinent, on account of the fact that it involves members of its own party. If so, it makes a great mistake. Who is doubtful about Adams, for instance, whom the News a day or so ago represented as making so "eloquent" a plea that it "brought tears", etc., when everybody knows that, corrupt or not, Adams is all but illiterate? Apart from that, the paper that is deaf to abuse simply because it arises in its own party is, for that very reason, impotent to the end of usefulness when it attacks wrong in the other party. Politics, in other words, is bearable only when based on principle instead of partisanship.

If Governor Kitchin is the politician from Halifax that we take him to be, he will investigate more closely the Shemwell "wing" of the Democratic party before giving it his allegiance.

For a man who has talked about them like he has, Heney certainly has the nerve to sue them for talking back at him.

GOVERNOR SHOULD TAKE NOTICE

We appreciate the fact that continual harping on one subject may serve to subject a newspaper to criticism, alike as to its taste, its paucity of ideas, and its motives. Some matters of comment, however, will not wait for reference and do not wane in importance because of opinion freely expressed. Hence—it is "Shemwell again."

The Star was the first paper in the State to express its gratification at the refusal of the Supreme Court to grant Shemwell a new trial. It took this unusual course for the reason that the man seems to be out of date in this country—a braggart, a bully, a self professed desperado. It declared that his imprisonment would be salutary for the example it would set the people of the State generally that, notwithstanding Shemwell and others might terrorize their towns or cities—might even so far impress themselves as dangerous men upon their counties as to escape the usual punishments put upon crime—it was impossible for them to persist to the end either of terrorizing or influencing a State. When, on affidavits, Governor Kitchin granted Shemwell a reprieve, we granted him an honesty of purpose, and, while suspecting Shemwell, stated that the Governor was necessarily concluded by the evidence offered him. We wished that Shemwell be punished, but did not criticize the Governor for delaying execution of the sentence.

On top of the reprieve Shemwell, supposed to be under treatment at Hot Springs, returned to the State, paraded himself in Lexington, and appeared to be in perfect health. In the meantime he failed to appear at Guilford Court, and forfeited his bond We then took the ground that the affidavits representing him to be too sick to go to jail were, on their face, deceptive, since the facts were that Shemwell was able to undergo the fatigue of travel and, in his own person, gave the lie to that which had been represented concerning him. Later developments are that Shemwell's son makes declaration that at the time the reprieve was granted his father was at Hot Springs for treatment; that he came back at his son's request on the mission of renewing the bond for his appearance at Guilford Court, and that he had since returned to Hot Springs to continue treatment. After this the Charlotte Observer printed a dispatch from Hot Springs stating that Shemwell was not there, and since that time he has been seen again in North Carolina.

In view of all these facts the Star called on Governor Kitchin to make an expression in respect to a case involving the honor of the State. The expression came yesterday, and to say the very least it is disappointing. The Governor says that there is no evidence that deception was used to obtain the reprieve, and that if it is made to appear to him that deception was used, he will act. And while he was in the very act of making this statement to newspaper men, C. H. Mebane, a clerk in the service of the State, walked into the Governor's office and told him that Shemwell was again back in the State, apparently in perfect health and not suffering from rheumatism in the least. To which, as reported in the Star's Raleigh correspondence, Governor Kitchin made the "comment on the situation that he sees no reason why Shemwell should not travel about if occasion requires, as he has his reprieve to April 1st."

Of course, Governor Kitchin has the power to grant a reprieve, of his own motion, generosity and kindliness. If these are his reasons, he should so state them. But when he puts his reprieve on the ground that the condition of the prisoner is such as to render his imprisonment dangerous to his life, he avoids the responsibility which he might have taken, on the ground of humanity. When he does that, he at that instant takes the people into partnership in the exercise of his discretion. It is not his personal act, but the act of the agent of the State to express its merciful and humane character. Therefore, when the prisoner, reprieved as one in a critical condition of health, returns brazenly to show the manner in which he has hoodwinked the Governor, it makes more difference than Governor Kitchin seems to appreciate that he should travel about, while under reprieve, at his own sweet will. The man who can endure nights on a Pullman without physical hurt can easily endure life in a jail. The reason of the pardon was the necessity for expert medical treatment. If the prisoner chooses not to take the treatment—and therefore, presumably, does not need it—the reason for clemency fails. Governor Kitchin makes a blunder in attempting to protect a man reprieved for cause, which proved to be no cause. If he wishes the responsibility of permitting Shemwell to flaunt the law, let him take it, instead of attempting to avoid or justify it.

Again, where are the Guilford authorities? Shemwell's bond is forfeited, a writ for his retaking has issued. Why does the Sheriff of Guilford not exert himself to execute the writ? He, as well as Governor Kitchin, is no court bound by strict construction of what is and is not judicial notice. They both know the facts. It would redound to the decency of the State if they would act upon them.

POOR POLITICS AND POOR TASTE.

The Greensboro News comes along to add its voice to the Shemwell disgrace by trying to make political capital out of the statement that those papers which have expressed their annoyance that the Governor should have been imposed on are, necessarily, antagonistic to the Governor's administration. It says, in effect, that they ought openly to charge the Governor with incompetence, and seems to lose sight of the fact that the Governor is a very small part of the State. It is because the Governor was fooled—not because he is either incompetent or corrupt—that the press has declared that Shemwell should be brought to justice. In an issue like that, there is no room for politics, much as Shemwell would have it appear that there is.

Such an attitude is unworthy of the News, and we regret to see that it has adopted a worn out and futile policy. Politically, it has little reason for existence in the State, so far as influencing political verdicts is concerned. Industrially, as a sincere North Carolina paper of enterprise, and sentimentally, as a check upon papers affiliated with the opposition party, it has a reason, and, we trust and hope, a future. It ought, however, in this last to have a reason for its faith, and ought not to degenerate into twaddle. If it would show more concern about the character of the crew now identified with Republican politics in the State, it could help the morale of its own party instead of fixing and perpetuating the essentials of cupidity combined with ignorance that now make it a worse than futile force. The very thing for which the News blames the Democratic newspapers is to their honor. If, as it says, their demand for justice in the Shemwell case amounts to a criticism of Kitchin, it shows that they are not so sunk in politics as to have become eunuchs on the question of morals. With every sort of scandal, spite, and questionable motive pervading the organization of its own party, the News might do worse than attempt to emulate the virility of opinion which it condemns in the case of its Democratic contemporaries.

A WORD FOR THE HON. JOSEPHUS

Governor Kitchin, having received a letter addressed to him on the envelope and to the Editor of the News and Observer on the contents, remarked that he was not the editor of the News and Observer, nor was the editor of the News and Observer the Governor of the State. Very true, no doubt; and no doubt the editor of the News and Observer has frequently deserted the tripod to push the buttons that made various statesmen act. In every such case, however, it was the cowardice or the incompetence of the statesmen, and not the inherent wickedness of the editor, that brought about the substitution of official personality. Many men would "run" a Governor, if they could, Mr. Daniels undoubtedly included, but it comes with poor grace from Governor Kitchin, whom everybody knows is free of the taint, to make merry at the expense of the man who, notwithstanding his inability to direct the executive office, undoubtedly found occasion in the midst of a strict "impartiality" to give it its present incumbent. Whether the present coolness between Mr. Daniels and the Governor arises from the fact that the former tried to run the office and failed, or the latter resented the attempt of the former to do so, is a matter that, in the light of the Democratic convention, Governor Kitchin ought to be quiet about, even in the terms of a thoughtful jest.

In fact, had the News and Observer not made it so plain that it was disappointed about not having representation in the Capitol, Governor Kitchin's remark might have been open to the objection, "He doth protest too much."

Baxter Shemwell will find a Superior Court judge of Judge Long's calibre does not scare so readily as some other people.

It is now said that the United States will extradite Zelaya from Mexico. Extradition may prove more interesting if he should take the opportunity in the meantime to visit France, say, or England.

We suggest that a match be arranged between Bob Fitzsimmons and John L. Sullivan. These two ought to be allowed to fight anywhere in the country, before the girls' school offering the biggest purse.

Brokaw's "love" for his wife is probably a mixed emotion. He doesn't love her $60,000 worth a year, and yet he might love her a smaller amount as an alternative to not loving her at that price.

Major Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer, gives it as his opinion that Cook and his records have been foully dealt with. But then Major Hale has such a virile memory that he is still regretting the running of the statute of limitations against indictments for the "crime of '73".

One-Fourth OFF!

On all Toys, Fireworks and Christmas Goods.

A Splendid Assortment

J. H. Rehder & Co.

The Big and Popular Department Store.

Rock Island stock advanced without reason thirty dollars a share, and then dropped. The stock exchange is "investigating". The most plausible explanation is that somebody wanted to create a "movement", and the orders were so mixed that the buyers bought, but the sellers forgot to sell. It is this "matched orders" abuse that affords a basis of fact for those stock market critics who do not know the difference between a margin and a ham, never having been able to put up either.

We find in the esteemed Charlotte Observer the expression "quite unique". This will bring up pleasing memories of one of the most masculine of the late Captain Swift Galloway's "he jokes", and likewise of the equivocal compliment paid by President Taft to a delegation from a girl's school in Indiana. We would like to know, however, wherein exist the superior and superlative degrees of "unique". Can a thing which is "one of a kind" be more so? There is perhaps an excuse for such a term as "late residence", considering a popular doubt as to the householder's destination, but that is not "very unique", but only sorter so.

CURRENT COMMENT.

When we read the dispatches these days we can lift up our eyes and be thankful that in climate this section is not as some other sections we know.—Charlotte Observer.

The newspaper men are making diligent efforts to locate Mr. Baxter Shemwell. It is not clear at the present writing that he is playing a game of hide and seek with Governor Kitchin, but should that prove to be the case, the public will expect the Governor to promptly call the bluff.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Baltimore News notes that "the enthusiastic admirers of Dr. Cook who wrote about his 'clear, honest eye, open countenance and frank, convincing manner,' are disappearing almost as completely as the doctor himself." Considering which fact, the people of Charlotte have long since dried any tears shed by them because Dr. Cook wanted more coin for a lecture than they were prepared to come across with.—Charlotte Observer.

Says the Wilmington Star: "Wilmington's down-town celebration of Christmas sounded like a demonstration in honor of the chief noise maker." Wilmington should have had a delegation in Charlotte last Saturday to see how well the noiseless Christmas worked—how it made the day more enjoyable to everyone and really added to the pleasure of those who have heretofore advocated an open-fireworks Christmas.—Charlotte Observer.

Somehow we admire the man who can take money away from fools, wrong though it is. The use of the mails has been denied to Harry B. Wooding, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who advertised certain—or uncertain—things and did not send what the purchasers expected. One "ad." read "As nature made them. Photos of beautiful forms. Sealed. 25 cents." And those responding with quarters were outraged upon receiving a photograph of a grove of trees. Ever since the war these kind of men have been doing business—devoting their time to catching suckers. In this instance it is a pity Wooding did not catch more of them.—Greensboro Record.

Billboard advertising has been thoroughly tested, perhaps for the first time in Butte, Mont., where a strike lasting for some weeks prevented the issue of newspapers. The merchants had to depend for their publicity upon billboards and dodgers, and now they report that business fell off from 20 to 50 per cent. The result of the test is interesting, apart from illustrating the comparatively worthlessness of billboard advertising. It shows that more is necessary than to place an advertisement before the eyes of readers. Whether it reaches them from a post of vantage on an old fence of a garbage box, or from the pages of an old-established and trustworthy newspaper, makes all the difference in the world between ill-advised publicity and successful advertising.—Charlotte Chronicle.

HERE'S to you! To all our friends and customers who are helping us make a big success of our business; to all the other men who like to be well dressed, and who haven't yet found out the best way to do it, and the right place to do it in, is this store; to

Hart Schaffner & Marx

greatest of all clothes-makers, for their share in our prosperity; for making such clothes, all-wool, perfectly tailored.

May you all live long and prosper.

A complete stock of full dress accessories, also full dress suits.

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes.

THE A. DAVID CO.

Tailors-Furnishers to Men.

It is said in reliable circles in Lexington that Shemwell's friends applied to the Governor for a commutation of sentence to a fine and then accepted the reprieve from the Governor with the expressed intention of putting in the intervening time between the granting of the reprieve and the beginning of the time for the service of the sentence, in forcible efforts to have Judge Long sign a request for pardon. It is further stated that open threats have been made that if the judge did not sign such a request that he would be defeated for renomination in the convention next spring. Those who know Judge Long scoff at the idea that such an end could be accomplished and say that the threat will bring more friends to his support and that he will be so strongly supported that his defeat would be impossible.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Saturday, Christmas day, was the forty-fifth anniversary of the bombardment of Fort Fisher. The engagement began at 6 o'clock that morning and lasted until 11 o'clock Christmas night. Ranged on the ocean side of Fort Fisher were 300 Federal gunboats, in addition to the same number of transports carrying troops anxious to land. But the troops were not landed—not that time. The bombardment of the fort was the most terrific naval engagement in the history of the world. Some of the gunners of the Federal fleet shot wild. The placid bosom of the Cape Fear back of the fort, presented the appearance of a plantation of waterspouts caused by the dropping of shells, and it is a matter of record that eight or ten shells fell on the mainland two miles in the rear of the fort. But the surviving defenders of the fort can testify that the aim of most of the ships was good, for the fort was literally under a storm of iron hail. One of these days, the anniversary of the bombardment of Fort Fisher is going to be one of the biggest events in the history of this country. The magnitude of that attack and defense will grow upon the people as the years pass by.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Referring to the reprieve granted Shemwell by the Governor, what is the reason it is not inoperative? He was reprieved on condition that he file a good bond in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance here next April. He has not filed his bond. There may be doubt about the right to withdraw a reprieve, but it seems to us there is no doubt about withdrawing it when the conditions have not been complied with. Governor Kitchin, it is being said, has himself in a whole. We think not; as stated some days ago, he relied on the affidavits filed and there was no opposition made to the proposed action by the governor. Notice had been given for two weeks that such application would be made, yet there was no voice raised in protest; when, however, the reprieve was granted things broke loose in Georgia. But as mentioned above, Shemwell has failed to comply with the terms of his reprieve and if the governor is satisfied that he has been fooled with regard to Shemwell's illness, he can fix him now without any doubt. Today's Charlotte Observer says that a wire to a newspaper in Hot Springs yesterday brought the reply that Shemwell was not there, his son having stated on Saturday that he had returned there last Monday. The Record is not blood thirsty, but if Shemwell is playing a game of hide and seek with the Governor he is in a fair way to get caught. We are not passing on his sickness, but if he is too ill to serve his term in jail he is acting very queerly.—Greensboro Record.

When Your Joints are Stiff and your muscles sore from cold or rheumatism, when you slip and sprain a joint, strain your side or bruise yourself, Painkiller will take out the soreness and fix you right. Always have it with you, and use it freely. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'. Price 25c., 35c. and 50c.

THREE FISHERS CAPTURED

Charged With Working Richlands and Jacksonville Banks for Over $400 —Taken Through Wilmington Yesterday Afternoon.

The three Fishers—C. Arthur, B. B. and G. H.—so badly wanted by the authorities of Onslow county on the charge of working the People's Bank at Richlands and the Bank of Jacksonville, for $460 about two weeks ago, have been captured and probably are now safely behind the bars in Onslow county jail at Jacksonville. Sheriff E. W. Summersille and Deputy S. W. Kellum, of Onslow, passed through Wilmington yesterday afternoon with the prisoners en route from Columbus county.

Charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretense have been preferred against the young men, whose successful operations are not due to any great amount of shrewdness on their part, but rather on account of a failure to use the customary precaution on the part of those victimized. Their scheme has already been outlined in The Star and while it worked successfully it would have been an easy matter to have defeated it, according to those familiar with the operations of the trio.

It is stated that one or two, or maybe all three, of the Fishers went to the People's Bank at Richlands, some 12 miles above Jacksonville, and still further beyond Verona, which is this side of Jacksonville, and deposited a bogus bill of lading for cotton claimed to have been shipped by them to a man by the name of Gordon in Atlanta, Ga., also a draft for $460. The young men were given pass and check books with the understanding that they would probably check on the draft. Some time later, probably the next day, one of the Fishers turned up at the Jacksonville Bank with a check on the People's Bank at Richlands for $400. The cashier hesitated about honoring it. He was asked to call the Richlands bank and make inquiries. This was done. The cashier of the Richlands bank is said to have told the cashier of the Jacksonville bank that the Fishers had deposited a bill of lading and had drawn a draft on Gordon, Atlanta, for $460, but he would not be responsible for the check as he had not heard anything from Atlanta. The check was then turned down by the Jacksonville institution. Then one of the Fishers appeared again at the bank of Richlands with a telegram purporting to be from Gordon in Atlanta to the effect that he would honor the draft for the amount named. This information, it seems, was communicated to the cashier of the Jacksonville Bank and when a Fisher appeared the second time with the check it was honored. A short time later another check for $60 was cashed.

About the time the checks got from the Jacksonville institution to Richlands the bills of lading and drafts were received unhonored by an Atlanta bank, and with the notation that there was no Gordon in Atlanta in the cotton business. Then the officials of the two institutions got busy and have been after the Fishers ever since.

The following regarding the arrest of the Fishers was received over the long distance telephone by The Star yesterday morning:

"The officers have been hot on the trail of the three Fisher brothers since their extensive operations in various places in this State began, and the fugitives were located at Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, Sunday evening, by Mr. C. S. Hicks, formerly cashier of the Bank of Whiteville, and Deputy Sheriff Ammons, of Columbus.

"B. B. Fisher is said to be accessory to Henry G. Fisher, a fourth brother, who is wanted by the authorities of Columbus county for obtaining money under false pretense from the Bank of Whiteville. Mr. Hicks was cashier of the bank at the time and has been sparing no effort to bring them to justice, but has been unsuccessful so far in capturing the one directly responsible for the loss. A few meagre clues as to his whereabouts has been gathered though, and it is thought that he will be captured within the next few days. The four Fisher brothers seem to be a thoroughly organized band of crooks, and are wanted in Texas, Florida and Georgia on various charges."

It was stated by a man from Jacksonville a few days ago that it would have been one of the easiest taings in the world for the officials of the banks at Jacksonville and Richlands to have ascertained from Verona whether or not any cotton had been shipped from there by Fishers to a man named Gordon in Atlanta. Another thing, he said, that should have aroused suspicion, was the fact that the Fishers drove through Jacksonville to Richlands, 12 miles away, to deposit a bill of lading secured for cotton shipped from Verona and then drove back to the Jacksonville bank to get the checks cashed. Had the deal been straight it would have been the natural thing for them to have left the bill of lading with the Jacksonville bank, he said, rather than take an unnecessary drive of 24 miles.

The Fishers, it seems, live in Georgia, but their mother was a native of Onslow county. They came to this section several weeks ago and represented themselves to be men of means. In Onslow county they claimed to be engaged in the cotton business and in Columbus they purported to be turpentine dealers.

Southport Assault Case Tried.

Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., of the local bar, returned late yesterday afternoon from Southport, where he went yesterday morning to appear for the State in a case against Cecil Lewis, charged with assault with deadly weapon on W. A. Grissom Christmas night. The hearing was before Justice Williams, who held the defendant to the next term of Brunswick Superior Court, requiring a bond of $250 The defendant was represented by Cranmer & Davis, of Southport.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

BIG FIRE LOSS AT ROSE HILL

Entire Block of 18 Buildings, Including Postoffice, Bank and Several Dwellings Destroyed at Early Hour Yesterday Morning.

Fire of unknown origin which started in the store of J. H. Fussell & Son, general merchants, a few minutes after 12 o'clock yesterday morning, practically wiped out the principal business section of the town of Rose Hill, Duplin county, eighteen buildings all told, including the postoffice and bank, having been licked up by the flames, which raged, practically unchecked for about three hours. The loss will aggregate up towards $50,000 and it is very poorly covered by insurance. There is suspicion that the fire may have been of incendiary origin and the State Insurance Department has been asked to investigate according to a report which reached the city last night.

The town has no fire-fighting apparatus at all and the water supply, especially after the recent drought, was very inadequate from the wells and pumps in the vicinity, though the people of Rose Hill fought manfully to save the property and did much toward confining the flames to the block in which they originated, on the east side of the railroad track. The losses and insurance carried as far as could be ascertained yesterday by Mr. Harvey Boney, a leading citizen of the town who has large interests there, and who arrived last night, are as follows:

J. H. Fussell & Son, general merchants, one story frame building owned by J. C. Williams; loss on stock $3,500 estimated, covered by insurance; estimated loss on building $1,000, no insurance.

J. B. Teachey, fancy groceries, stock $2,000, no insurance; building owned by J. A. Teachey, estimated loss $1,000, no insurance.

J. F. Blizzard, drug store, stock $1,500, insurance $1,000; building owned by W. G. Fussell, valued at $800, no insurance.

David Burton, stock $500, no insurance; building owned by W. G. Fussell, loss $500, no insurance.

Thos. Kilpatrich, vacant store, loss $1,500, no insurance.

D. D. Bradshaw, dwelling, vacant, loss $500, no insurance.

Ward & Fussell, vacant store building, loss $750, no insurance.

Mrs. C. J. Scott, store building valued at $1,250 and stock valued at $3,000; both total loss with no insurance.

Restaurant owned by W. G. Fussell and occupied by Mrs. Joe Ellis, building valued at $500, no insurance, contents $500, no insurance.

Bank of Rose Hill, two-story brick building, occupied by Bank of Rose Hill, Rose Hill Telephone Co., and the Rose Hill Millinery Co., conducted by Misses Josie and Belle Herring, of Wilmington. Bank building valued at $6,000, insurance $1,500, owned by the bank. Contents of the bank saved intact and business temporarily resumed in new Ward building. Loss to telephone company about $500 with no insurance. Loss of Rose Hill Millinery Co., about $250, no insurance.

D. W. Fussell, dwelling occupied by families of Z. A. Rochelle and David Fussell, contents partly saved with loss of about $250, no insurance. Loss in building $1,000, no insurance.

P. O. Building owned by Henry Fussell, Jr., loss about $250 with no insurance; contents of postoffice saved and removed to former location in C. M. Steinmetz store.

J. J. Tew, vacant store, loss $1,000 no insurance.

W. G. Fussell, livery stable unoccupied, estimated loss $500, no insurance.

Young & Fussell, grocers, stock $2,000, insurance $500; building owned by J. J. Tew & Bro., estimated loss $1,000, no insurance.

Livery stable probably belonging to T. Kilpatrick, estimated loss $500 with no insurance.

A large livery stable on a corner diagonally across the street from J. H. Fussell & Son's store, was saved by means of a force pump on the premises. The property is owned by W. L. Byrd & Co.

Parties who arrived in the city yesterday morning told of the heroic work of Mr. C. C. Boney in saving the large hotel owned by J. C. Mallard and occupied by Mrs. D. D. Bradshaw diagonally across the street on another corner. Although nearing his three score and ten Mr. Boney is more active than many a young man younger than himself and at great risk of life and limb he climbed to the top of the hotel carrying water with him and assisted greatly in keeping the flames from communicating thither.

The Bank of Rose Hill will in no wise be inconvenienced by the loss of its building so far as the transaction of business is concerned, though it suffers the loss of one of the handsomest banking houses between Wilmington and Goldsboro. Mr. Matt J. Heyer, of this city, is president and Mr. W. B. Southerland is cashier None of the records or valuable papers were lost, the vault remaining intact, though both brick walls of the structure fell in upon it. The bank will rebuild at once. Much of the burned area will also be rebuilt at once with brick structures as no more wooden buildings will be allowed in this territory.

Were Married Last Night.

Mr. Augusta Fowler, of Delgado, and Miss Della Faulk, daughter of Mrs. Nelson Faulk, were united in marriage at the home of the bride at Delagdo at 7:30 o'clock last night, the ceremony being performed by Justice J. H. Sykes in the presence of a number of friends of the parties. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler will reside at Delgado.

THE YEAR 1910.

With the beginning of the year 1910 The People's Savings Bank at Front and Princess streets, begins a New Interest Quarter. If you make your deposits with this bank now (The "People's" Bank) you will receive credit for your interest in Three Months, (April 1st.) de 28-3t.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENTS

Appropriate Exercises Held in Several Wilmington Churches Last Night. All Were Attended by Large Congregations.

Entertainments appropriate to the season were held in a number of the churches last night and all were largely attended. Christmas exercises will be the order now for several days. It is a beautiful custom and those already held have given and those yet to be held will give much pleasure to the young people.

St. Matthew's Lutheran—Particularly interesting exercises were held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church last night and the congregation filled every seat in the spacious auditorium. Christmas decorations prevailed in all their beauty and elaboration. The beautiful tree added considerable to the effect of the decoration scheme. The exercises consisted of a song service, recitations and other exercises by the children and responsive readings, and the presentation of presents. Recitations were given by little Misses Effie Harper and Minnie Huggins. "Crowning" was an especially pleasing feature and was by ten little girls. Each of the five in the front row held a letter, the five spelling the word, "Jesus." While the children sang "Crown Him," the five on the second row placed wreaths of smilax on the letters.

Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, made an appropriate short address, after which he presented to Mr. W. W. Koch, the superintendent, a beautiful stick pin, a gift of the officers and teachers of the school. In presenting the gift Mr. Snyder spoke of the hard work it takes to keep a Sunday school alive and to arrange for such an entertainment without having a pastor to assist in the organization work. The remembrance was most happily received by Mr. Koch, who, in his speech, spoke of hearty co-operation of the various committees in charge of the entertainment and also of the untiring efforts of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school to keep up interest in that branch of church work.

At the conclusion of the programme every child of the Sunday school was presented a package of candy and an orange.

Mrs. Annie Miller was chairman of the music committee and Mrs. Lena Avant the committee on recitations and to them belongs much of the credit for the delightful affair. The chairmen of the other committees were: Decorations, Mrs. W. H. Dean; tree, Mr. Wm. Otersen; refreshments, Mr. W. H. Dean.

At St. John's Church—The entertainment given last evening at St. John's Church parish was much enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The exercises opened with Hymn 60 and the Lord's Prayer which was chanted in unison after which Miss Lillian Quelch gave a delightful recitation and Mrs. C. A. Williams also favored the audience with a reading. Other numbers on the programme included readings by Misses Josephine Swann and Dorothea Quelch. Just before the singing of Hymn 553, all the children composing the cast, retired into another room and then was presented the "Catechism Play," which was delightfully received. After the singing of another hymn, the entertainment came to a close with the benediction by the beloved rector, Rev. Wm. E. Cox.

First Baptist Church—The Christmas entertainment of the First Baptist Church was held in the Sunday School room of the church last night. There was no tree but the church was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens. The programme, rendered entirely by children of the Sunday School, was of unusual excellence and very much enjoyed by all present. Mr. N. A. Graham, the superintendent, presided. At the conclusion of the programme the names of the different classes were called and representatives of each class went forward and deposited something — provisions, garments, cloth, ribbons, or cash on the platform. The gifts will be sent to the Orphans' Home at Thomasville. The various classes were very liberal and as result a large collection will be sent to the orphans from the First Church. Light refreshments were then served by the committee in charge of the altogether delightful affair.

Grace M. E. Church—The annual Christmas exercises of Grace Methodist Church were also held last night with an unusually large attendance. The feature of exericses was a silver offering for the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh and something like $500 were contributed. A delightful programme of songs, recitations, etc., was carried out by the children. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, the pastor, who made a brief address. Mr. M. F. Allen, the superintendent, presided. At the close of the exercises the ladies of the church served dainty refreshments in the ladies' parlors.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian—The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The committee has prepared an elaborate programme which will consist of songs, recitations, etc., at the close of which presents from the tree will be distrib- Each class will carry something for the Barium Springs, N. C., Orphanage.

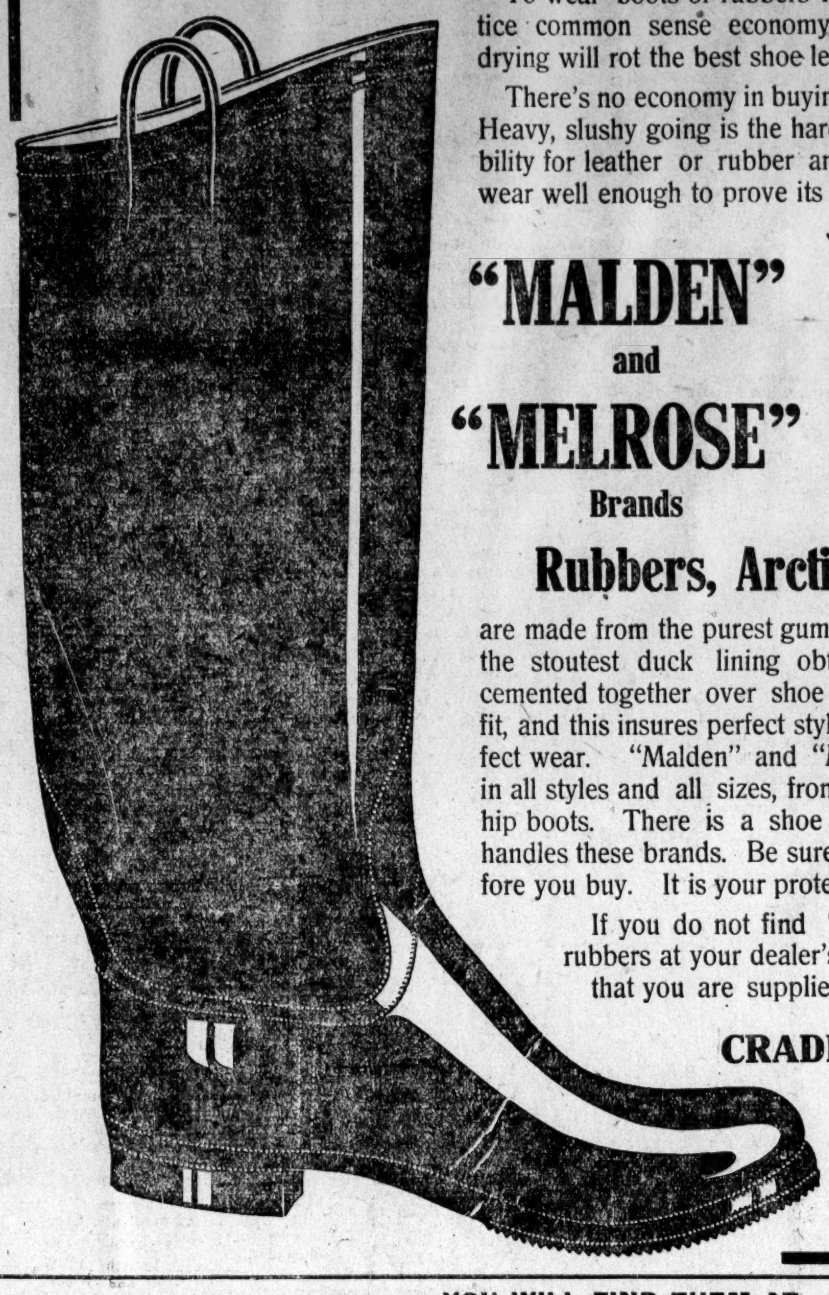
Moving to Garrell Building.

Mr. Walter R. Kingsbury, the well known and popular druggist, whose place of business has been in the Masonic Temple for the last 18 months, is moving to the Garrell building on corner of Second and Princess streets. He will be installed in his new quarters by January 1st. It was stated last night that the store room now occupied by Mr. Kingsbury had not been rented as yet, though negotiations with several persons are pending.

Small Fire Yesterday.

Fire of an unknown origin burned a large hole in the back porch of the second story of the residence of Mr. John R. Turrentine, Sr., 814 Market street, yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock, doing an estimated damage of $10. The firemen were summoned by telephone and did fine work in extinguishing the flames in short order. The fire could have been started from a spark from a cigar or cigarette or been caused by fireworks.

Water Ruins More Shoes Than Wear



To wear boots or rubbers in wet weather is to practice common sense economy. Continual wetting and drying will rot the best shoe leather ever tanned.

There's no economy in buying a poor grade of rubbers. Heavy, slushy going is the hardest possible test of durability for leather or rubber and only the best rubber will wear well enough to prove its cost a good investment.

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523 NORTH FOURTH STREET.

JUSTICE BORNEMANN'S COURT.

One Case Heard Yesterday and Several Set for Today.

In Justice Bornemann's court at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. W. J. Spooner was given a hearing on the charge of false pretense, the warrant being sworn out by Mr. J. W. Powell, who alleged that the well known contractor had received money for certain work he had not done. The evidence was insufficient to substantiate the charge and the case was dismissed. The action was brought in Justice Harriss' court, but was transferred by him to Justice Bornemann on account of a rush of business yesterday. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., appeared for Mr. Spooner and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., for Mr. Powell.

Irene Diezel, a denizen of the underworld, has been indicted by I. B. Farah, proprietor of The Bon Marche, for disposing of mortgaged property. The case is set for trial at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., will appear for the defendant and C .D. Weeks, Esq., for the prosecutor.

A civil action was started yesterday entitled W. Goldstein and W. Klein against S. Schrob and Hyman Horowitz for $36.50, alleged to be balance due on goods shipped to S. Schrob. It is claimed that Schrob sold the goods to Horowitz and, therefore, the latter is made a party to the action. The hearing will be at 10 o'clock this morning. Hon. John D. Bellamy represents the plaintiff and A. H. Pait, Esq., the defendant Schrob.

Justice Bornemann yesterday issued a warrant for J. M. Lipscomb on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property—horse, buggy and harness. Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver was to have left last night for Castle Haynes to serve the warrant. The hearing will probably be some time today. E. McMoore, Jr., alleges that he had a mortgage on the property, which was sold to R. E. Daniel.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Israel Flowers and wife to Charley Flowers, for $10 and other considerations, lot on southwest corner of 12th and Dawson streets, 33x100 feet in size; Edward H. Kidder, of New York; Geo. W. Kidder, of Wilmington, and Gilbert P. Kidder, of Seattle, Wash., to Geo. O. Gaylord, for $1 and other considerations, two lots, one on northeast corner of Fifth and Marsteller streets, 96x80 feet in size, and the other on northeast corner of 12th and Kidder streets.

JANUARY 1st.

Is the beginning of a Regular Interest Period at The People's Savings Bank. Deposit with this bank on or before January 3rd and you will receive credit for Three Months interest April 1st. de 28-3t.

A. C. L. "PURPLE FOLDER."

Pretty and Valuable Railroad Publication—The Tourist Season.

The January edition of the Atlantic Coast Line's "Purple Folder" has just come from the press and the schedules shown therein establishes that line as the leading route between the East and the West and the Southeast, in that it operates, or will, when the New York and Florida Special is inaugurated on January 3rd, four high-class trains between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and Florida, and a like number between Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other points in the West and the South. Wilmington, Augusta, Thomasville and other points off the through route are well taken care of in schedules and through sleeping cars. The condensed and individual lines are explicitly shown with concise information regarding each through car is given, making it one of the few folders that any one can understand. An innovation is the showing of the rivers, harbors and bays touched by the Coast Line and still another is the index which will be of incalculable value to the traveling public.

A copy of the folder, together with other tourist booklets may be obtained from Mr. T. C. White, general passenger agent, by mail or by calling in person at the general offices in this city.

MR. J. E. WILKINSON DEAD.

Well Known and Aged Citizen Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Many friends learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. John E. Wilkinson, a well known citizen, who passed away at his home, 714 North Fourth street, shortly after noon yesterday. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Wilkinson was in the 75th year of his age and had lived a most active and useful life. He was in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in this city for 43 consecutive years, being retired only a short time ago on a pension. He was most highly esteemed by all who knew him and his death is mourned by many. Mr. Wilkinson was born in Randolph county, Virginia. He was a consistent member of Grace Methodist Church and was also a member of Stonewall Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by his wife and five children. Mrs. J. R. McCumber, of Page, W. Va.; Mrs. G. W. Malpass, of Hendersonville, N. C.; Miss Maggie Wilkinson and Mr. John E. Wilkinson, of Oklahoma City Okla., and Miss Annie Wilkinson, of this city. The hour for the funeral will not be appointed until children living at a distance are heard from.

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POZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

MRS. SALLIE A. JAMES DEAD.

Passed Away Early Last Evening at Home of Her Son—Funeral.

Friends will regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Mrs. Sallie A. James, widow of the late Capt. F. M. James and mother of Mr. Martin Daniels, which occurred last night at 8 o'clock at the home of her son, No. 610 South Fifth street, after a long illness due more to the infirmities of a ripe old age than to any special cause, Mrs. James having been between 75 and 80 years of age. Mrs. James is also survived by a sister in Florida and a large number of grandchildren, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in the sorrow which has come to them. Mrs. James was a devoted communicant of the Episcopal Church and had lived a long and useful life, which was a benediction to the family and friends.

The grandchildren surviving Mrs. James are Messrs. Wm. B., John L., Thos. C., Chas. H., and Robert E. Daniels, Mrs. Fred Griffith, Mrs. Sarah Brittain, Messrs. James Daniels and Clinton Daniels. The funeral of Mrs. James will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the late residence.

IROQUOIS TOWED IN.

Being Taken to Charleston, S. C., by San Marcos of Same Line.

A long distance telephone message at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Capt. R. O. Crisp, of the revenue cutter Seminole, at Southport, states that the cutter proceeded yesterday morning to the assistance of the Clyde Liner Iroquois, previously reported as having lost her rudder and anchored off Frying Pan, but that the disabled liner had already been taken in tow by the steamer San Marcos, of the Mallory Line, which is also identified with the Clyde, and that she was then being towed to Charleston for repairs. The San Marcos is one of the three steamers which reached the Iroquois and stood by to render assistance in the event it was necessary. The Seminole reached the disabled ship yesterday morning and subsequently put back to Southport where she will remain a day or two in the event her services are required off the coast after the terible storm of the holidays.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Brief Session Yesterday Presided Over by Justice Harriss.

Owing to the silght indisposition of Recorder J. J. Furlong, yesterday morning's session of court was presided over by Justice George Harriss, substitute Recorder. Mr. C. H. Thompson was tried on two charges—assault with deadly weapon on Oscar Williams, colored, and carrying concealed weapons, as a result of a disturbance he created on the wharf Monday morning. The negro testified that Mr. Thompson did not shoot at him, and as it appeared from his testimony that the pistol was accidentally discharged the case was dismissed. In the other case the defendant was required to pay a fine of $25 and costs. Arthur Croom, a young white man, charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct, fast driving and resisting arrest, did not show up at the hour of court and the cases were continued until today. It apepars that Croom was under the impression that court did not convene until 12 o'clock. A case against a small boy for riding a bicycle on the streets at night without a light, was dismissed and a plain drunk was let off upon payment of costs.

Chamber of Commerce to Meet.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called at 12 M. today at the rooms of that body and it is desired that there shall be a full attendance. The meeting is called to receive the report of the special committee appointed to prepare resolutions touching the recent death of Col. John L. Cantwell, who was for so many years the secretary of the Produce Exchange and subsequently secretary of the Chamber of Commerce after the two bodies became amalgamated. The committee on memorial consists of Messrs. B. F. Hall, chairman; G. J. Boney and M. S. Willard.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

Miss Lynette Schmitt, of New York City is visiting Miss Annette Munds, on Ann street.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wells are spending the holidays at Indianapolis, Ind., the old home of the latter.

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Miss Bessie Fishblate has returned from New York and is at home with other members of the family at The Carolina.

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Mr. Wade Hampton Cooper, of Knoxville, Tenn., is here on a visit to his brothers, Messrs. W. B. and Thos. E. Cooper.

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Miss Louise Beery left Sunday afternoon for Ocala, Fla., where she will be the guest of Miss Sue Anderson for some days.

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Dr. N. A. Culbreth returned yesterday morning from Ralegih, where he spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wolf and family, of Bolton, spent the holidays very pleasantly in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Diehm, No 410 Chestnut street.

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Mr. Benjamin Bell, Jr., assistant news editor of the Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., will leave this morning to resume his duties after spending the holidays here with his father.

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Columbia Record, Monday: "Miss Minnie Blalock and her guest, Miss Sarah Granes, of Decatur, Ga., left this morning to visit Miss Etta Brand, a former student of the College for Women, at her home in Wilmington, N. C."

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Mr. R. B. Branch, editor of the Red Springs Citizen, Mrs. Branch and four children, passed through here last night on their way home from Whiteville, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Branch's father, Capt. B. B. Branch, who is 83 years old.

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Mrs. G. Herbert Smith and her daughter, Miss Mildred Smith, will entertain a number of their friends at an oyster roast at their cottage at Wrightsville Beach Saturday afternoon. Those who have been so fortunate as to receive an invitation will leave the city at 12 o'clock Saturday on special cars.

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Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, of Bluefields, West Virginia, and Mrs. Kegley are expected to arrive Friday and will be the guests of the former's brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Koch. Mr. Kegley will occupy the pulpit at St. Matthew's Sunday, morning and evening. Mr. Kegley was formerly pastor of St. Matthew's for six years and he and Mrs. Kegley have a wide circle of friends in this city.

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One of the prettiest entertainments of the yuletide in Wilmington was an elaborate reception given yesterday afternoon by Miss Etta Brand at the handsome Brand residence on Chestnut street, in compliment to a number of young lady visitors who are here to spend the holidays with the hostess of the afternoon. The home lent itself quite effectively to the decorations, which were elaborate and the afternoon was one of intense delight for all Miss Brand's guests.

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A large number of Wilmington society folks attended the dance given last night by Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, of New York City, at their country estate, Airlie-on-the-Sound. They left the city on special cars at 8:30 o'clock and returned at an early hour this morning. The affair was delightful in every way and most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The incitations to the dance, which was one of the most elaborate of the holidays, were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones
request the pleasure of your
company at a small dance
on Tuesday evening, December twenty-eighth,
at half after nine o'clock
Car leaves at 8:30 o'clock. Airlie.
R. S. V. P.

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MISS CATHERINE GIESCHEN ENTERTAINED DELIGHTFULLY.

Complimentary to her sister, Miss Augusta Gieschen, who is at home from College for the holidays, Miss Catherine Gieschen gave a delightful 'Salmagundi" party last night at the prettily decorated hall of the Howard Relief Club, corner Front and Orange streets.

There were many novel pranks and a mixture, as the game goes, during the progress of the evening with a break for refreshments, only to be capped off with the exposure of the millinery talent of the young men. This latter was brought about in this way: to each of the score of fellows in attendance was furnished a lady's hat frame with trimmings supposedly suitable for its decoration. The hat after being trimmed was to be worn by his lady attendant. The work was accomplished quite well by the young gentlemen and the young ladies gracefully donned the headgear prepared for them. Some of them were funny, while others showed a good understanding of the milliner's art. While enjoying the funny part of the talent displayed and admiring this one and then the other, music was rendered, and the 'Salmagundi party broke up into a dance, the ladies wearing the bonnets. Dancing was then in order and continued until after midnight. Miss Dock furnishing the music.

The decorations consisted principally of college pennants all about the hall—Harvard and Elizabeth predominating.

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CLAIMS A FAIR BRIDE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

A recent issue of the paper at Tallahassee, Fla., contains a lengtay account of the marriage of Miss Mary Onie Zachary, daughter of Mrs. Henry Clay Zachary, of that city, and Col Alexander Kinchen Powers, of Wallace, N. C., which took place on Tuesday evening last in Trinity M. E. Church of Tallahassee in the presence of a large and distinguished company of guests. Rev. Ira E. Patterson, pastor of the church, officiated and a prettier or more lovely wedding has not occurred in Tallahassee, according to the account in the paper. The church had been very handsomely decorated with a profusion of plants and flowers and as the guests were assembling a programme of delightful music was rendered by Miss Lucille Saxon, who played the wedding marches, with Miss Lizzie Tatum. The wedding party and the order of entrance was as follows:

The ushers, Mr. Herbert Goulding, down the right aisle, and Dr. Wm. E. VanBrunt down the left aisle. These were followed by Miss Willie Mae Callahan, of Bainbridge, Ga., down the right aisle, and Mr. G. A. Trice, of Barnesville, Ga., down the left aisle; Mr. M. M. Gregg, of Wilmington, N. C., down the right aisle, and Miss Allie Yon, of Tallahassee, down the left aisle; Miss Katherine Landwehr, of Baltimore, down the right aisle, and Mr. Guyte P. McCord, of Tallahassee, down the left aisle; Mr. Albert Cheek, of Tallahassee, down the right aisle, and Miss Virginia Powers, of Wallace, N. C., and a sister of the groom, down the left aisle. Following these came Miss Bessie Zachary, sister of the bride and maid-of-honor, and Mrs. Arthur D. Zachary, matron-of-honor—these down the right aisle—and Mr. Alexander K. Powers, the groom, with his brother and best man, Mr. G. J. Powers, down the left. Little Miss Margaret Zachary, following down the right aisle, made a very pretty little flower girl. The bride came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. Arthur D. Zachary, who gave her away.

The maids of honor all wore pretty frocks of white Suezine silk, and carried armfuls of dainty green fern. The matron-of honor, Mrs. Arthur Zachary, wore white silk, and carried pink carnations, while the maid of honor, Miss Bessie Zachary, was prettily gowned in silk of a delicate shade of green and carried white carnations.

The wedding party, after their entrance to the church, and past the chancel, arranged a semi circle, before which also the marriage was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Patterson in a most impressive and beautiful manner, during whih Miss Elizabeth Tatum, the talented organist at Trinity church, rendered "Traumerei," by Shumann, softly and sweetly through out the service to a violin accompaniment by Miss Saxon.

The bride was strikingly lovely in her white satin wedding gown, her long tulle veil, which enveloped her, and carrying a huge bouquet of bride's roses and maidenhair fern. Trimmings of the gown were in pearl passementarie, her only ornament being a lovely pearl brooch, the gift of the groom.

The little flower girl was daintily dressed in white organdie, and carried a basket of ferns and flowers.

After the ceremony, the wedding party drove immediately to the home of the bride, where a reception was held, prior to the departure of Mr and Mrs. Powers for St. Augustine and the east coast of Florida for a short stay before returning to North Carolina, where they will be at home in Wallace, N. C., after New Year.

ATHLETIC MEET YESTERDAY.

Pupils of the High School Contested at the Y. M. C. A.

A large number of the pupils of the High School gathered in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the athletic meet arranged by Mr. B. H. Tyrrell, the physical director of the association. The attendance was not near as large as was hoped for, but what was lacking in numbers was more than made up in enthusiasm. The contests were of an interesting nature and keenly enjoyed by the contestants. Following the contests refreshments were served. The boys passed this resolution:

"Resolved, That the contestants in the inter-scholastic athletic meet of the Y. M. C. A. do hereby express our most sincere thanks to the merchants of Wilmington for their most generous gifts of fruits, nuts and candies for the enjoyment of all contesting in the year-end athletic meet. We also wish for each and every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

The following are those who made donations: Warren's Bakery, nuts; J. C. Stevenson & Co., nuts; Matthews Candy Co., candy; Crescent Candy Co., candy; W. B. Cooper, box of raisins; A. S. Winstead, half box of oranges; J. S. Funches & Co., oranges; D. L. Gore & Co., raisins; People's Supply Co., bananas and figs; E. Warren & Son, candy; R. W. Hicks, fruits.

Thursday afternoon there will be a meet between pupils of the Union and Heinenway schools and it is hoped that the attendance will be large. Pupils of those schools are urged to be present and enter the contests, whether they are members of the association or not. In fact, membership in the association is not a prerequisite to entry in the athletic meet.

Lay Piping Next Week.

It was stated yesterday that the laying of new pipe in connection with the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Wilmington waterworks plant would be commenced by the contractors next Monday at corner of Fifth and Taylor streets, where a 16-inch main will be put down. The construction work will then be pushed to a rapid completion. The contracting firm has been busy for several weeks distributing the large shipments of piping.

Curbing Around Plazas.

A large quantity of curbing has been received by the city and Alderman Fred W. Bonitz, chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee, states that it will be placed around a number of plazas in the residential section. He also states that the grading of 16th, from Market to Dock streets, and Dock, from 16th to intersection of the turnpike, has been completed. A number of automobile owners have promised to secure the material for improving the two blocks.

The Theatre

Before another large and delighted audience the Four Pickerts and company last night presented in fine manner the stirring drama, "The Captain's Double". The bill was in strong contrast to the play of the night before, thus showing fine versatility of the company and furnishing splendid variety. The performance was strong in dramatic action and lively with good, wholesome comedy. The vaudeville presented was again a big feature and called forth vigorous applause, especially the work of dainty little Miss Blanche Pickert, who is a big favorite with Wilmington playgoers. The company will be seen at the Academy twice today. At special matinee, the doors opening at 2:15 o'clock and the curtain going up at 3 o'clock, the swell modern success, "For the Love of a Girl", will be presented and will prove especially attractive for the ladies. The prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

Tonight the company will be seen in a big production of the well known society drama, "Moths", and which will give the ladies of the companies a chance to wear some stunning gowns. A new vaudeville bill will be introduced between acts. Seats for tonight are now on sale at the Crystal Palace.

Friday night the bill will be the famed "St. Elmo."

Biggest Minstrel Show in the World.

Seats went on sale this morning at the Crystal Palace for the performance tomorow night at the Academy of the biggest burnt cork aggregation in the world—the Cohan and Harris' Minstrels. Wilmington will get this tremendous Broadway attraction in all its glory and will be one of the few places in the South to get it. The company comes from Columbia, S. C., to Wilmington and jumps from here to Charlotte; then into the larger cities of Tennessee. Truly the event tomorrow night will be a brilliant and notable one, and a large audience should greet the attraction. In passing, it is interesting to state that this is the first theatrical company to play Wilmington with a symphony orchestra. Twenty-odd are carried in the orchestra and seats in the first row downstairs have to be held in order to accommodate the entire orchestra.

Of the big show the Charleston News and Courier has just said:

"Cohan & Harris' Minstrels were given a rousing reception here, and proved their right to a large patronage by putting on one of the best performances that has been to Charleston in many years. Saturday night is a notoriously bad night for a show unless that show has earned a big reputation and, being Christmas night too, that tended also to militate against any kind of an audience. It took a show of the calibre of Cohan & Harris' Minstrels to fill the Academy of Music last night. The fact that the Minstrels had a very successful run in New York City and the star of the troupe was George Evans, has been duly advertised.

"While every feature of the show deserves more than passing mention, the greatest hits were made by Mr. Evans and Mr. Arthur Alexander, the famous woman impersonator. The latter, excellently well costumed, as a woman of wealth and fashion, did not forget for a moment her part, but his every movement tended to carry out the character he represented, and his appearance was always greeted with applause.

"Mr. Evans, in make-up was comical in the extreme and kept the audience in an uproar. Some of his jokes may have been a trifle strong, but no exception could be taken and they were all clever and amusing and he kept the audience entertained for more than his allotted time. He was obliged to respond to several encores.

"The opening part, 'The Crimson Trellis', was rendered on an elaborate scale and was preceded by a pictorial history of minstrelsy, descriptive of its antecedents, inception, rise and progress, and with each picture a chorus from behind the curtain rendered appropriate songs. During the first part songs, comical and sentimental, were sung and all were well received. Will Oakland, who is no stranger here, Harry von Fossen, Earl Benham and John King were down on the programme and the first part concluded with Mr. Evans himself.

"Scenes from Blackville, a dancing creation, and Manilla, an intricate and perfectly presented marching feature, were both well done. The show ended with a minstrel musical comedy, entitled 'The Firemen's Picnic,' in which were introduced Alexander and Scott and Evans, was a fitting climax to a splendid performance."

At the Bijou Today.

"The Twelfth Juror" and "The Stage Driver" are the titles of the pictures that will be shown at the Bijou theatre today. The very title of the former suggests something of extraordinary interest and a good imagination will find a hundred themes. The second is a story of the great wild West hold-up and will hold the interest of the audience.

ROCKINGHAM POWER CO.

Independent Bondholders' Plan Accepted to Benefit of Local Interests

It was learned here yesterday that at a meeting of the bondholders of the Rockingham Power Company in New York a few days ago, at which 97 per cent. of the bonds of the company were represented, the Independent Bondholders' Plan, proposed by Messrs. J. P. Council, Burke H. Bridgers and Donald MacRae, of North Carolina, was substituted for the plan of the Reorganization Committee, and a committee composed of Messrs. J. P. Council and Hugh MacRae, of North Carolina, and Robert R. McCormick, of Chicago, was appointed to put the plan into effect.

It is felt that the obstacles to the successful financing of this company are now out of the way, and that this property, which is undoubtedly the finest waterpower in the South, will be speedily completed, and that the plan adopted will be greatly to the benefit of the original subscribers.

LAYMEN'S BIG MASS MEETING

Movement Here for Affiliation With State Organization Will be Launched Next Sunday Afternoon—Speakers.

Plans are making for a big mass meeting in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement at the Academy of Music on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in this city and it is hoped to have a very large attendance from all denominations in Wilmington. At this meeting steps will be taken to affiliate the local movement with the State organization and the Christian men of the city from all churches and denominations are cordially invited.

In the absence of Mr. H. W. Malloy, who is at his former home at Laurinburg on business, the arrangements for the meeting here are being made by Col. Wm. F. Robertson and Mr. W. B. Cooper and aside from a number of local speakers, the programme will include addresses by Mr. C. E. Mason, of Charlotte, and Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro. Mr. Scales is one of the leading men in the State and he will have for his subject, "Why I Believe in Foreign Missions". He will be heard with unusual interest here. At this meeting delegates will be appointed to the great convention to be held in Greensboro in January and there will be other business of importance to the cause. Wilmington numbers among its citizens some of the most liberal contributors and active workers in this great cause and as a matter of city pride, there should be a large attendance at this meeting and a splendid representation at the Greensboro meeting. To every reader of the papers and magazines the objects and purposes of the Laymen's Missionary Movement are well known. It is a work which has swept the country like wild fire and which has enlisted some of the ablest men and most profound thinkers in the United States. The meeting here appeals to the Christian manhood of the community and the meeting Sunday afternoon is an invitation to all to join the movement without further delay.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. William I. Baxter has gone to Goldsboro for a brief visit.

—Editor Lauchlin McNeill, of the Pender Chronicle, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., of Burgaw, was here yesterday, returning from a holiday trip spent up the State.

—H. L. Lyon and Irwin B. Tucker, Esqs., of Whiteville, were in the city yesterday on professional business.

—William J. Bellamy, Esq., left last night for Burgaw to attend Superior Court, which is in session there this week.

—W. S. O'B. Robinson, Jr., Esq., prominent member of the Charlotte bar, spent yesterday in the city on business.

LOCAL DOTS.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets: Services tonight at 8:15 o'clock. All are invited.

—Sallie Melvin, an aged negress, was yesterday adjudged insane by the Clerk of Superior Court. Application has been made for her admission to the hospital for the insane at Goldsboro.

—The cotton market in Wilmington closed quiet yesterday at 15 cents for middling, which is the top price reached here since the market began to soar. The receipts at this port yesterday were 2,344 bales.

—The Star is under obligations to Mr. H. W. Konig, staple and fancy grocers at Fourth and Bladen streets, for a very handsome calendar for the year. It is in the form of a wall ornament and is one of the prettiest seen this year.

—A claim and delivery proceeding was started in Superior Court yesterday entitled Mary Capps and her husband, D. L. T. Capps, against Melvin Horne, for a boat, two mules and a cart. The papers were sent over to the sheriff's office and Sheriff Cowan served them.

—A mad dog was killed by Superintendent Blake at the County Home yesterday afternoon. The dog supposed to be affected with rabies bit several cats and four dogs at the Home, all of which will be killed to prevent further trouble.

—The first quarterly conference of Trinity M. E. Church will be held tonight by the presiding elder, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim. A large attendance is expected. Rev. Mr. Welch, the new pastor of the congregation, has already arrived and the work is progressing splendidly.

—E. McMoore, Jr., has started claim and delivery proceedings in Superior Court against J. M. Lipscomb and R. E. Daniel for a horse and buggy and harness. The papers have been served from the sheriff's office, the property being taken in charge. It is said that Lipscomb sold the team to Daniel and that McMoore alleges that he has a mortgage on the property.

—Constable W. B. Savage yesterday afternoon arrested Gordan Sarvin, white, on a warrant from Justice Harriss' court charging him with assault with deadly weapon upon Mark Williams, also white, and for carrying concealed weapons. The assault is alleged to have taken place Sunday. Sarvin gave $50 bond for his appearance at trial at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Watch Night Services.

There will be a watch-night service at the Lineker school house, on the Castle Haynes road, on Friday night. As this is the first service of its kind held in the community, it is expected that the attendance will be quite large and the welcome to all is most cordial.

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Hoping you one and all spent a happy and pleasant Christmas.

Owing to our successful holiday trade which has reduced our stock of Clothing and Furnishing Goods, and have left on our counters several lots of odds and ends in Men's and Boys' and Children's Suits, we will place on sale this week up to the first of January the following lots:

No. 1—Men's Suits, in broken sizes, reduced from $10.00 to $7.50 a suit.

No. 2—Boys' long pants Suits, in broken sizes, will be reduced to one-half their former prices.

No. 3—All of our entire lot Boys' and Children's Overcoats, Rain Coats and Reefers will be sold at one-third off regular prices.

No. 4—We wish to call your attention so this special lot of Boys' Straight Knee Pants Suits. The entire lot will be sold at one-third off regular prices. Just the suit for school.

No. 5—A special lot of odds and ends Shirts, in stiff and soft bosoms, real value $1.00 and $1.50 each, will close out at 75c each.

The largest line of Neckwear in the city, all styles and in all shapes; knitted, silks, open ends, from 25c to $2.00 each. The thing for New Year gift.

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SALE OF RED CROSS STAMPS.

Are for New Year as Well as for Christmas.

During the Christmas holidays the sale of Red Cross stamps footed up 50,000. The ladies of the Red Cross Society were gratified with the result but they beg the community not to forget that the stamps are for New Years as well as for Christmas. Ladies and gentlemen are reminded therefore that they will aid a most worthy cause by placing Red Cross stamps on all the letters and other packages which they are to send away in the next few days.

The ladies will not continue their personal canvass but they have on hand a large supply of stamps and can supply them in any number to all who want them. All applications will be given prompt attention. Application can be made to the president of the society, Mrs. Allan Nichols, at The Carolina; Mrs. E. L. Prince, treasurer, 211 South Fifth street, and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, secretary, 420 South Front street.

The object of the local Red Cross Society is to materially aid in the fight against the great "white plague" that is annually sweeping so many people here and elsewhere into untimely graves. The sale of stamps is to raise funds for the campaign against tuberculosis, and the work is of such a serious and vital nature that everybody should contribute towards this exceedingly worthy cause. The people can aid the work at little cost by purchasing Red Cross stamps, and it is hoped that everybody will do so, as the ladies are anxious to make a good financial showing in behalf of the campaign for the approaching year.

Inaugurate Block System.

Charleston News and Courier: "The block signal system will be inaugurated on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on its Charleston division, beginning with January 1. This means of doubly insuring against disaster of any kind is put on every winter by the Coast Line on its main line at the time when the through travel has reached its normal proportions. The towers and other equipment of the block system is at present being thoroughly inspected and repaired throughout the Charleston division of the Coast Line and will be in working order by the first day of the New Year. The inauguration of this system is a heavy expense item to the Coast Line, as it will necessitate the employment of at least from ninety-five to one hundred additional operators of various kinds on the division, or from Hardeeville to Jacksonville, Fla."

The "bargain hunter" is no longer the woman who merely haunts the stores. She is the woman who watches the ads and goes to the stores strictly on business.

DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

Officers of the Ladies' Benevolent Society Express Thanks.

The officers of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, on behalf of the inmates of the Catherine Kennedy Home and the members of the organization, return thanks to every one who assisted in securing the handsome and greatly prized silver tea set recently offered in a voting contest at Baxter's Cigar Store. The ladies especially thank Messrs. James H. Burriss, W. H. Plummer and E. W. VanDuzen for untiring personal efforts and Messrs. Wm. A. Baxter and W. A. McGowan, whose business enterprise made it possible for the Home to receive the present. The officers also thank every person individually who cast a vote or votes for the Home. The Ladies' Benevolent Society also makes grateful acknowledgment of a gift of $50 in money from the central committee of the Taft celebration. The amount was greatly appreciated and will greatly aid the work. The officers of the organization are: Mrs. Roger Moore, president; Mrs. Philander Pearsall, vice president; Miss Louise Harlow, secretary, and Mrs. W. A. French, treasurer.

Sent to the Recorder.

Eugene Harris, a young white man, was given a hearing before Justice George Harriss yesterday afternoon on the charge of assault with deadly weapon upon Ed Parker, also a young white man, near Sixth and Castle streets, early Christmas morning. The justice found probable cause and bound the defendant over to Recorder's court, requiring bond of $50, which was given.

THE YEAR 1910.

With the beginning of the year 1910 The People's Savings Bank at Front and Princess streets, begins a New Interest Quarter. If you make your deposits with this bank now (The "People's" Bank) you will receive credit for your interest in Three Months, (April 1st.) de 28-3t.

HIGGS INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Prof. W. C. Chance Here in Interest of Work Among Colored People.

Prof. W. C. Chance, principal of Higgs Industrial Institute at Parmele, N. C., arrived in the city on a late train last night and will spend the day here in the interest of that institution, which opened Oct. 12th last year and has for its purpose the industrial and domestic training of the colored race in this and adjoining States. Although established only a short time ago, comparatively, the school has met with wonderful success, employing now three teachers and having completed one of three buildings necessary to the work. A large number of students are enrolled, making a study of the practical side of education and there are more applications on file than the principal can provide for.

Prof. Chance comes with the warmest endorsement of Congressman John H. Small and others as a man of capacity, integrity and high ideals. Mr. Small says that he believes that Prof. Chance's ideas and his plans for the training of the colored youth are well conceived and based upon the soundest reason. He says further that Prof. Chance is entitled to the confidence and the support of any person or institution inclined to help him in his work. He will remain in the city today and hopes to receive substantial encouragement from those upon whom he will call. Mr. J. G. Godard, cashier of the Bank of Martin county, at Williamston, is treasurer of the institution and contributions may be mailed to him or given to Prof. Chance.

NORFOLK'S SUICIDE MYSTERY.

Miss Margaret Marshall, of Boston, Will Recover.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Margaret Marshall, the young former Portland, Boston and New York newspaper writer, who recently attempted suicide at Virginia, continues to improve and her attending physicians said today that her ultimate recovery is now fully expected. The sight of one of her eyes, which at first appeared to be totally gone, will only be partially affected.

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STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 53 1-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.65 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 37, rosin $2.75, tar $1.60, crude turpentine $1.75 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	(—)
Crude turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year 1 cask spirits turpentine; 146 barrels rosin; 115 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 15 for middling. Quotation corresponding day last year 8 9-16c.

Receipts—2,344 bales, same day last year, 1,951 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—An early advance to new high records for the season in today's cotton market was followed by moderate reactions during the middle session, but prices ruled firmer again in the late trading and closed steady at an advance of 2 to 4 points from last Thursday's close with the active months only 3 or 4 points off from the best.

The opening was firm at an advance of 5 to 28 points, with the more active positions ranging from 15 to 28 points higher, in response to higher cables than expected and fresh buying attracted by the bullish developments preceding the holidays. There was heavy realizing, part of which evidently resulted from a reduction in the long lines to the leading, but offerings were so readily absorbed by spot interests and shorts that, after selling off about 10 or 12 points from the top, the market recovered most of the loss. Firmness in the Southern spot markets and reports of an improved trade demand helped to check the decline and cause the recovery in the late trading While business was at times quite active, with the markets showing more or less excitement trading seemed to be chiefly for trade of outside operations.

Liverpool explained the advance there on the ground of general buying in the absence of heavy offerings and foreign houses were buyers here, presumably for the purpose of covering straddles during the early trading.

The demand from spot houses was supposed to be in the way of covering hedges, and generally speaking the result of the day's trading in futures was supposed to be a reduction in outstanding commitments. Southern spot markets as officially reported early were 1-8 to 1-4c net higher. Mills were said to be in the market for spot cotton; in some cases asking for prompt shipment.

Receipts at the ports today 38,842 bales against 49,100 bales last week and 61,087 last year. For the week 225,000 bales against 223,583 last week and 286,777 last year.

Today's receipts at New Orleans were 5,532 bales against 18,544 last year, and at Houston 12,248 bales against 20,334 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands 15.85; middling gulf 16.10; no sales.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	15.38	15.35
January	15.50	15.57
February	—	15.74
March	15.86	15.86
April	—	15.95
May	16.13	16.12
June	—	16.03
July	16.12	16.11
August	15.75	15.79
September	14.63	14.66
October	13.92	13.87

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15 1-2; net receipts 17,962; stock 194,290.

New Orleans—Steady, 15 1-2; net receipts 5,532; stock 174,598.

Mobile—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts 1,082; stock 52,737.

Savannah—Steady, 15 1-8; net receipts 5,-612; stock 121,503.

Charleston—Firm, 15; net receipts 1,254; stock 34,281.

Wilmington—Quiet, 15; net receipts 2,-344; stock 16,172.

Norfolk—Quiet, 15 1-2; net receipts 4,351; stock 39,570.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 5-8; stock 12,443.

New York—Quiet, 15.85; stock 147,650.

Boston—Quiet, 15.85.

Philadelphia—Steady 16; stock 3,845.

Pensacola—Net receipts 703.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 38,-842; Great Britain 703; Continent 9,629; stock 893,544.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 93,621; Great Britain 37,384; France 13,142; Continent 41,395.

Total since September 1st at all ports, net receipts 4,981,906; Great Britain 1,380,-765; France 702,533; Continent 1,478,104; Japan 24,559; Mexico 9,855.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 1-2; net receipts 12,-248; stock 112,805.

Augusta—Steady, 15 5-8; net receipts 4,-658; stock 75,754.

Memphis—Quiet, 15; net receipts 2,333; stock 214,073.

St. Louis—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts 53; stock 42,147.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,379; stock 10,-295.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,330; stock 55,639.

Louisville—Firm, 15 1-2.

Total today—Net receipts 22,031; gross receipts 23,799; shipments 15,772; sales 5,-080; stock 508,533.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Cotton: Spot business done prices 16 points higher. American middling 8.83; good middling 8.54; middling 8.42; low middling 8.32; good ordinary 8.06; ordinary 7.81.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,900 American. Receipts since last report 12,000, including 3,700 American.

Futures opened firm and closed quiet. December 8.19; December and January 8.19; January and February 8.19 1-2; February and March 8.22; March and April 8.24 1-2; April and May 8.25; May and June 8.26; June and July 8.25 1-2; July and August 8.25; August and September 7.96 1-2; September and October 7.45; October and November 7.20; November and December 7.-10 1-2.

DICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 28.—The cotton market opened at new high levels for the season this morning with considerable activity shown in Liverpool in spite of the holiday spirit prevailing at this time. Spot cotton was up 16 English points on sales of 7,000 bales and futures were considerably higher than due. Our market did not open as high as due and on the bulge there were signs of large interests reducing commitments, although support was forthcoming on a moderate set back. Spot news is developing increased bullishness, with advices from the South reporting dwindling stocks and extreme scarcity of certain grades. Trade news was generally encouraging with large western houses reporting an unprecedently large holiday business with heavy orders for future commitments. The bull leaders show no disposition to force their advantage and evidently frown upon every attempt to give the market a run-a-way appearance. Technically, the market is in strong position and shows great absorptive powers.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—Many retail buyers are in the dry goods market in attendance at the semi-annual clearance sales. Cotton goods and yarns are very strong but trading is going on in small lots, principally for spot and nearby delivery. Men's wear markets are active in fancy overcoatings and some lines of suitings are opened. Export markets are quiet. Yarns are firm and quiet.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—In the stock market copper and Rock Island fell into the background today after its highly sensational performance of yesterday. As for the episode itself, not much fear was felt of direct consequences for harm from it, since it was so soon over as to have prevented time for the operation of harmful influences. The supposition continued to gain force that reckless and blundering misapplication of manipulative methods were at the bottom of the incident. For the widened indirect consequence likely to result from the episode there was a feeling of anxiety.

The matter having taken proportions of a scandal and the Stock Exchange committee appointed to investigate it being engaged during the day in the work, the subject was kept in a conspicuous place in the day's events.

From Washington also came a report that the Federal authorities were showing renewed interest in the question of possible regulation of speculative rulings in futures. This was accompanied by intimations of an early submission to Congress of the special messages of the President dealing with proposed measures for regulation of corporations. These considerations, and the continued preparations for the annual money settlements, kept the stock market operations under restraint This restraint, while keeping dealings small did not depress prices.

Individual stocks advanced briskly from particular causes not always specified. The coppers were strong and were influenced by a rise in the London price of the metal.

The quick sales of the Delaware and Hudson refunding bonds by the bankers who took them from the company made a good impression of the investment situation, although the general bond market continued dull and unresponsive.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $3,750,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales for the day were 612,600 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—Money on call firm 5 to 5 3-4 per cent. Ruling rate 5 per cent., closing bid 5, offered at 5 1-2. Time loans quiet and steady; sixty days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4 per cent., sixty days 4 1-2; six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weaker with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8435 to 4.8450 for sixty day bills and at 4.8740 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 3-4 to 4.84 1-4. Bar silver 52 5-8. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-2
U. S. ref 2s coupon	101 1-2
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	114 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84
American Agricultural 5s	101 5-8
American Tel. & Tel. cv. 4s	105
American Tobacco 4s	77 5-8
American Tobacco 6s	106 5-8
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	96 1-8
Atchison gen. 4s	99 3-4
Atchison cv. 4s	121 1-8
Atchison cv 6s	121
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-2
Brooklyn Transit cv 8	86 5-8
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-2
Central Leather 5s	99
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	124 5-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	102 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	96 7-8
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	84
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	91 1-8
Colorado Industrial 5s	82 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colorado & S. ref. & ext 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	102 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 1-2
Distillers 5s	74 1-4
Erie prior Ben 4s	85 3-8
Erie Gen. 4s	76
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	81 1-4
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	72 1-4
General Electric 1st ref. 4s	147
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	83 3-4
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	70 3-4
Japan 4s	87 3-4
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	72 1-2
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	95
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	90 1-8
Mo., Kan. Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-4
Missouri Pacific 4s	82
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-2
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91
New York Central deb. 4s	95 1-2
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 3-8
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	101 1-4
Northern Pacific 4s	102 1-8
Northern Pacific 3s	74 1-4
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 3-4
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-8
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading Gen. 4s	99 5-8
St. Louis & San Fran. fg 4s	85
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 3-4
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	85
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91 5-8
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	103 3-4
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref. 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 3-4
Union Pacific 4s	101 3-4
Union Pacific cv. 4s	115 1-8
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	97 5-8
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 1-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 3-4
Wabash 1st 5s	112
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	77 7-8
Western Md., 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	93 1-2

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 1-2
Amalgamated Copper	89 1-8
American Agricultural	48 1-2
American Beet Sugar	46 1-8
American Can pfd	81
American Car & Foundry	71
American Cotton Oil	67 1-4
American Hide & Leather pfd	47 1-4
American Ice Securities	25
American Linseed	17 1-2
American Locomotive	59 1-4
American Smelting & Refng	103 1-8
Amer. Smelting & Refng pfd	111 1-4
American Sugar Refining	122 1-4
American Tel. & Tel.	142 3-8
American Tobacco, pfd	96
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	53 1-2
Atchison	121 1-2
Atchison pfd	105 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	135
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethlehem Steel	33 5-8
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 1-4
Canadian Pacific	179 1-2
Central Leather	47 1-4
Central Leather pfd	107 1-2
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	89 1-8
Chicago & Alton	33
Chicago Great Western	36 1-4
Chicago & Northwestern	181 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	157
Colorado Fuel & Iron	81
Colorado & Southern	30
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	51
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	137 1-4
Corn Products	22 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	184 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande	51 1-4
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	83 1-2
Distillers Securities	36 1-2
Erie	33
Erie 1st pfd	49 1-4
Erie 2nd pfd	38 7-8
General Electric	150 1-2
Great Northern pfd	142 7-8
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 1-2
Illinois Central	147 1-2
Interborough Met.	24 3-4
Interborough Met. pfd	62
Inter Harvester	116 1-4
Inter. Marine pfd	23 3-4
International Paper	15 3-4
International Pump	52 3-8
Iowa Central	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	43 1-4
Louisville & Nashville	155 1-2
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	139
Missouri Pacific	71
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	48 3-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	73
National Biscuit	114 1-4
National Lead	88 3-4
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	59 1-4
New York Central	124 7-8
New York, Ontario & Western	48 5-8
Norfolk & Western	98 3-4
North American	84 3-4
Northern Pacific	144
Pacific Mail	32
Pennsylvania	130 1-2
People's Gas	114 3-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98
Pressed Steel Car	51
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	51
Reading	170
Republic Steel	43 3-8
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	49 1-2
Rock Island Co. pfd	89
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	59 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	31 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	79 3-4
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	86 1-2
Southern Pacific	133 3-8
Southern Railway	31 5-8
Southern Railway pfd	72 3-4
Tennessee Copper	58 1-2
Texas & Pacific	34 3-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West	52 7-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	70 1-2
Union Pacific	201 5-8
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	82
United States Rubber	52 3-4
United States Steel	90 1-2
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	59 3-4
Virginia Car. Chemical	56
Wabash	24 7-8
Wabash pfd	50 5-8
Westinghouse Electric	82 3-8
Western Union	76 1-2
Wheeling & Lake Erie	29 1-4
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	636 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—Flour unchanged.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red 1.27 elevator domestic, and 1.26 1-2 fob afloat. Options closed 1-2 to 5-8c net lower. December 1.25; May 1.18; July 1.09 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 70 1-4 elevator domestic, 70 3-4 delivered, and 68 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged. December 70 1-4; May 75 3-4.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 47. Options closed unchanged. May 50 3-8.

Lard—Weak.

Tallow—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed steady, net unchanged. Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 8 5-8 to 7 11-16; Santos No. 4, 9; mild quiet. Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged

Eggs—Steady; refrigerators 22 to 25 1-2.

Peanuts and Freights—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes—Steady; southern sweets per barrel 1.50 to 2.50.

Cabbages—Unchanged, steady.

The cotton seed oil market was easier, closing at one to six points decline under liquidation by speculative longs and influenced by the weakness in lard and a moderate decline in crude. Sales for the day were 11,500 barrels. January 7.50 to 7.52; March 7.55 to 7.57; May 7.55 to 7.59; July 7.70 to 7.62. Prime crude 6.47 to 6.53; prime summer yellow 7.55 to 7.60; prime winter yellow 7.85 to 8.49; prime summer white 7.-90 to 8.40.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Reports of unfavorable weather in Argentina gave the wheat market a strong start here today but prices declined sharply in the final half of the session owing to profit taking. Closing quotations showed net losses of 1-8 to 3-4 to 7-8c. Coarse grain and provisions also developed considerable weakness and closed at about the bottom.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 19	1 19 1-2	1 18
May	1 12 1-2	1 12 3-8	1 10 3-4
July	1 02 1-4	1 02 1-2	1 01 1-2
Corn—			
Dec.	64	64 1-8	62 5-8
May	67 1-4	67 1-4	66 1-2
July	67 1-8	67 1-8	66 3-4
Oats—			
Dec.	44 1-2	44 7-8	44 1-4
May	45 3-4	47 5-8	47 1-2
July	43 1-8	43 5-8	43 3-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 85	21 85	21 60
May	21 90	21 90	21 62 1-2
July	21 70	21 70	21 50
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 40	12 40	12 25
May	11 95	11 97 1-2	11 85
July	11 87 1-2	11 90	11 80
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 30	11.35	11.32 1-2
May	11 47 1-2	11 47 1-2	11 32 1-2

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cash No. 3 1.23 to 1.23; No. 3 red 1.13 to 1.23 1-2; No. 2 hard 1.16 to 1.18; No. 3 hard 1.12 to 1.15; No. 1 northern 1.17 to 1.20; No. 2 northern 1.15 to 1.13; No. 3 spring 4.12 to 1.17.

Corn—No. 3 white 61 1-2 to 62; No. 3, 61; No. 3 yellow 61 1-2 to 61 3-4; No. 4, 58 1-2 to 58 1-2; No. 4 yellow 58 1-2 to 59 1-2.

Oats—No. 3, 44 1-2; No. 3 white 41 1-2 to 45 1-2; No. 4 white 44 to 44 1-2; standard 45 to 46.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 28.—Turpentine and rosin steady.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 28—Turpentine quiet 54 1-4. Rosin quiet. Quote: A, B, C 3.92 1-2; D, 3.95; E, 4.00; F, 4.02 1-2; G, 4.05; H, 4.12 1-2; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 28.—Turpentine firm 54 1-2 to 54 3-4, sales 7.19; receipts 8.42; shipments 95. Rosin firm, sales 1,462; receipts 4,500; shipments 6,30; stocks 152,703. Quote: A, B, C 3.95; D, 3.97 1-2; E, 4.00 to 4.02 1-2; F, 4.05; G, 4.07 1-2 to 4.10; H, 4.15; I, 4.57 1-2; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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W. & W. Railroad—1,377 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—588 bales cotton.

A. & Y. Railroad—369 bales cotton.

Total—2,344 bales cotton.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 28th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 39 degrees; 8 P. M. 41 degrees; maximum 51 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday 4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday, light to moderate west winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 29.

Sun Rises.....717 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:12 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 9:40 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 12:40 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A David Co.—Here's to You.
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Palace Market—Venison.
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MORE TROUBLE FOR VENEZUELA

Diplomatic Representative to France Has Been Withdrawn.

Caracas, Dec. 28.—The Venezuelan government has terminated the diplomatic mission of Dr. Carlos Grisanti to France because France insists upon the arbitration of the claims of French citizens expelled from Carupano by Castro. Venezuela bases its action on the treaty of 1885. Dr. Grisanti who was appointed diplomatic agent to France and Holland last August will continue negotiations with the latter country looking to the re-establishment of mutual friendly relations.

In February, 1908, President Castro expelled from Carupano the Spanish vice consul as well as eight French merchants, who were engaged in business at that port. The reasons for this drastic action were not divulged, but it served to increase the resentment of French public opinion against Castro's arrogant treatment of foreigners.

President Gomez on assuming office declined to accept responsibility for all of Castro's acts, and it was for the purpose of negotiating a settlement of certain claims which France and Holland had set up, that he sent Dr. Grisanti to these countries. The French government has made strong representations to Venezuela regarding the claims of its expelled citizens and has insisted upon full and complete reparation.

WILL EXTRADITE TWO WOMEN.

Governor of New Jersey Wants Murderers of Ocey Snead.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28.—Governor Fort this afternoon signed papers for the extradition from New York of Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin, wanted in Newark to answer the charge of having murdered Mrs. Ocey Snead in East Orange.

The papers were presented to Governor Hughes of New York, tonight for his signature.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Caroline W. Martin and Mrs. Mary Snead, for whose extradition to New Jersey papers were issued at Trenton today, are the mother and aunt respectively of Ocey W. M. Snead, who married her cousin, Fletcher Snead. Mrs. Martin has threatened to resist extradition, but it is thought that she will be advised by counsel to go voluntarily.

Under the direction of the East Orange police the bath tub in which Ocey Snead's body was found, has been removed from the house and is now in storage to be produced as evidence at the trial of Mrs. Wardlaw, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead at Newark.

CRAZED BY AUTO-SUGGESTION.

Woman Read About Horrible Crime in Ohio Few Days Ago.

Concinnati, O., Dec. 28.—Auto-suggestion, it is said, caused Mrs. Mary Lipp today to become seized with a desire to kill. She set fire to her home and attempted to throw two of her children into the flames. She killed her pet rabbits, burned her chickens alive and crushed the skull of her pet dog.

One of the children was slightly burned. Mrs. Lipp was severely injured before police officers arrived.

Mrs. Lipp is suffering from effects of a recent sickness, her husband declares. Today she read about Mrs. Paul Sonnecalf, of Loveland, Ohio who, while supposedly insane, crushed the skulls of her two children and then burned her home. This story is thought to have prompted Mrs Lipp's action today.

FIFTEEN INJURED IN WRECK.

Two Coaches on New Jersey Railroad Turned Over.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 28.—Fifteen persons were injured, none seriously, by the overturning of two day coaches on the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad near Penns Grove 28 miles south of here today. The cars were attached to the rear of a local passenger train and the accident was due to a broken rail. The locomotive and the combination baggage and smoking car passed safely over the break but the next two cars left the track and turned over. The injured were taken to Penns Grove for medical treatment.

PROPOSED SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Labor Leaders Seeking Federal Intervention in Their Trouble.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—So far as can be learned tonight, the switchmen's strike in the Northwest is awaiting the action of H. B. Perham, who is on his way to Washington to try to procure Federal intervention in the controversy between the railroads and the switchmen. On the outcome of Mr. Perham's mission, as chairman of the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor will depend the future action of the allied bodies relative to a possible general strike of railroad employes affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

MR. TAFT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Will Discuss Control of Corporations and Change in Present Law.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft discussed with members of his cabinet today final details of the special message he will send to Congress next week dealing with proposed amendments to the inter-state commerce and Sherman anti trust laws Mr. Taft began work on the important document today.

At one time it was thought that the President might, in this the first of his series of special messages to Congress, deal only with the inter-state commerce act, leaving his proposed discussion of the anti-trust law to some future date. He has decided, however, that as the two subjects are so closely related, he will adhere to his original intention of making his recommendations for changes in the two acts in one communication to the Senate and House.

In this message he also will submit his recommendations for the issue of federal licenses to corporations. The proposed license will be a voluntary one, to be taken advantage of by such corporations as desire to place themselves under Federal jurisdiction or be left alone as the directors of the corporation see fit.

SENSATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Wholesale Theft of Navy's Wireless Telegraph Plans.

London, Dec. 28.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, models and sketches, which in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy is charged against Richard Knowlden who was placed on trial at Portsmouth today. Knowlden is a draughtsman attached to the torpedo school ship Vernon. In his room were found no less than eighty plans for wireless improvements and certain books of the most confidential character which are issued to officers only.

The authorities attach the greatest importance to the arrest of the accused man, as they contend that if the documents abstracted from the Vernon had reached foreign governments all the labor of recent years given to the perfection of wireless system for the British navy would have been rendered practically fruitless.

HOLIDAY GOLF TOURNEY.

Three Divisions Qualified at Pinehurst Yesterday.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 28.—Three divisions qualified in the sixth annual holiday week golf tournament today. Julian T. Bishop, of the Brooklyn Club, Bridgeport, leading with a card of 83, two strokes ahead of J. Y. Boyd of the Harrisburg Country Club, and W. R. Tuckerman, of Chevy Chase, who turned in scores of 85 each.

Others who made the first or president's cup were W. K. Gillett and M. J. Condon, of Wykagly, W. C. Johnson, of Canoe Brook; Leland Ingersoll, of Euclid; C. B. Hudson, of New Suffolk; E. B. Fay, of St. Louis; C M. Bret, of Brookline; Capt. E. B. Parrott, of New Brunswick; T. Ashley Sparks, of Baltusrol; J. S. Walker of Orange, Va.; C. H. Mathlessey, of Ardsley; J. C. D. Rumsey, of New York, and W. L. Hurd, of Oakmont.

HESTER'S COTTON STATISTICS.

Total Visible Supply Less Than Last Year.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,920,957 bales against 4,757,809 last week and 5,212,834 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,876,957 against 3,776,809 last wee kand 4,408,834 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,044,000 against 981,000 last week and 804,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,634,000 against 2,746,000 last year; in Egypt 237,000 against 277,000 last year; in India 473,000 against 236,000 last year, and in the United States 1,577,000 against 1,954,000 last year.

BOILER MAKERS STRIKE OFF.

Action at Conference Puts 3,000 Men Back to Work.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The strike of the boiler makers in the Schenectady plant of the American Locomotive Company was settled here this afternoon and the action taken at the conference here will also act as a settlement of the strikes of the boiler makers in the plants of the company at Dunkirk, Montreal, Richmond, Va., and Pittsburg. About 3,000 men are involved.

The men will return to work in the Schenectady plant on the basis of day work tomorrow morning.

An effort on the part of the company to inaugurate the standard time system led to the calling of the strike here December 7th and the general strike followed.

GETTING READY FOR BASEBALL.

Two Big League Pitchers Released by Americans.

New York, Dec. 28.—The New York Americans today released Pitcher Revelle to the Richmond club of the Virginia State League and Outfielder Gray to the Jersey City Eastern team. The New York Americans now have turned back five players who were drafted or purchased from minor league clubs last season.

NEW YORK AND PROSPERITY.

Increase of $41,800,502 in Customs Receipts This Year.

New York, Dec. 28.—An increase of $41,800,502 in customs receipts in 1909 over 1908, is shown in Collector Loeb's annual report, issued today. The total duties collected at the port of New York for 1909 amount to $217,520,897.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

LESSEN DANGERS OF FOOTBALL

Action of College Men At Meeting to Consider Game.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association adopted and submitted to its rules committee tonight a resolution calling for a modification of the football playing rules whereby the injury to contestants may be confined to a minimum.

This is the resolution as introduced by Professor E. K. Hall, of Dartmouth, and adopted after three hours of acrimonious discussion.

"That the football rules committee of this association be instructed to use every possible endeavor to bring about such a modification of the rules as, in their judgment, shall tend to reduce to a minimum the danger of physical injury to the players and at the same time retain as far as may be possible the most desirable and wholesome features of the game."

Only three negative votes were registered against the resolution but nearly every college in the West had something to say concerning it.

Professor Alzona Stagg, of the University of Chicago, made a motion which would prohibit all officials of a football game, including umpires, referees and all other participants, from talking to newspaper men after the game. Stagg made a strong appeal for this motion, saying that he had been grossly misquoted at times; but the convention defeated the motion by an overwhelming vote. The revision of the game was ordered, it is understood, with due consideration of the association of Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell and a few other institutions which are not members of the inter-collegiate organization. Harvard has joined the association, but its representative let it be known that his institution would not be bound by the new football rules of the association although it would recognize its regulation of other minor sports.

A letter was read from David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, stating that the American game had been abandoned there and that the English rugby game had been found satisfactory, not only to the students but to the spectators.

West Point submitted a set of resolutions which called for a radical change in the playing rules, but those, with other resolutions were substituted by the resolution offered by Mr. Hall, of Dartmouth.

It became apparent that the larger colleges were in favor of the present playing rules, perhaps in a modified form, and that the smaller institutions were violently opposed to them. The representative of nearly every institution of higher learning between New York and San Francisco made an address and many offered motions which would limit the danger of the present football game. These offerings became so confused that Hall's resolution was adopted as a compromise.

Representatives from Cornell and other institutions not directly represented in the association suggested that rules minimizing the danger of the sport would be acceptable.

It was the concensus of opinion that the rules regulating mass play and the running tackle, otherwise known as the flying tackle, breaking through the line, will have to be done away with. The reports of a number of large colleges expressed themselves not only in favor of this, but conveyed the threat that they would either adopt a modified form of football or would withdraw from the association.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: Captain Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. M. A., West Point, president; Dr. R. T. McKenzie, University of Pennsylvania, vice president; Prof. P. W. Nicolson, Wesleyan, Conn., secretary and treasurer.

A. H. Peterson, of the University of North Carolina, was appointed a member of the executive committee.

The rules committee which will undertake the task of bringing about a revision is as follows:

Dr. H. F. Williams, Minnesota; Dr. James A. Babbitt, Haverford, Pa.; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth College; Lieut. H. B. Hackett, U. S. A., West Point; Prof. C. W. Savage, Oberlin, O.; Prof. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt, and W. A. Lambeth, University of Virginia.

The Inter-collegiate Athletic Association voted tonight to leave to the rules committee the revision of present football rules so as to eliminate as far as possible fatalities and serious accidents.

IN THE SPORTING WORLD.

Chess Game Between Cornell and Pennsylvania.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—In a one-sided basket Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn., defeated the Atlanta Athletic Club by a score of 53 to 30.

At Newport News: Y. M. C. A. 24; University of Virginia 12.

New York, Dec. 28.—Cornell, Brown and the University of Pennsylvania played the second round in the 11th triangular chess tournament today. After today's play the score stood as follows: University of Pennsylvania, 3 1-2, lost 1-2; Cornell 2 1-2, lost 1 1-2; Brown nothing, lost four.

Despatches received here say that 28 persons perished in a landslide caused by the floods in a village near Viana Navarre, Spain.

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Pitiable Condition of One of Best Known Railroad Men.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Bernard H. Bail, second vice president and general freight traffic manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, became violently insane today in his office in the Reading Terminal, the company's big office building and after a struggle was removed to a hospital for the insane. Policemen hastily summoned found Mr. Bail on the floor handcuffed and held down by private policemen and railroad officials. He was taken from the building struggling and fighting to release himself from those who held him. It is believed that over-work was the cause of Mr. Bail's breakdown.

Mr. Bail was recently appointed second vice president. He was considered one of the greatest experts on freight traffic inthe country. For a week Mr. Bail's associates noticed that something was wrong with him. He was incoherent in speech and purposeless of action.

Mr. Bail is 61 years old and is a native of Oneida county, N. Y. He came to the Reading as division freight agent in 1888 after having filled various positions in the freight departments of the New York Central, the Wabash and other railroads.

WE ARE MUSICAL BARBARIANS

Importance of Music in Civilizing People.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—"The American people are musical barbarians and the function of the American musician is to civilize the people." This declaration by President A. W. Harris, of Northwestern University, was the keynote of the 31st annual convention of the Music Teachers National Association which met here today. Two hundred delegates from all parts of the country were present.

"It is a regrettable fact that music plays such a little part in the education of the people," said President Harris, "and it is a shame that college graduates know so little of the sublimer works of music.

"A young woman who goes into the world without having some idea and appreciation of music is poorly equipped for her life work, for she is forever barred from the uplifting qualities to be derived from great musical compositions.

"Education is too cold and it would be materially improved by the additional of music in connection with other college courses.

KILLED WIFE'S STEP-FATHER.

Shot Him While He Was in Drunken Frenzy.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 28.—At Radford, Va., today W. L. Luck was killed by Otho Snyder, husband of his stepdaughter. Luck had been drinking several days and his wife went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Snyder, last night. When Luck appeared at the Snyder residence, early this morning and was denied admittance, he began battering down the door.

Snyder fired two shots at Luck, both oif which took effect. Luck died in a short while. Snyder was discharged after a coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable shooting.

STEAMSHIP ON FIRE AT SEA

Four Hundred Passengers Were In Ignorance of Their Danger.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the White Star Liner Celtic last Wednesday when the vessel was four days out from New York. The liner arrived here early yesterday The fire was still burning but its presence was known to none of the 400 passengers. Immediately upon arrival the work of discharging the cargo in an effort to reach promptly the origin of the blaze was begun. The work was continued today. The fire started amid the bales of cotton in hold No. 6. The extent of the damage has not yet been determined.

TURKISH CABINET RESIGNS

Rumored Conflict at Bagdad Lacks Confirmation.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The whole Turkish cabinet resigned this evening, following the resignation of Hilmi Pasha, the grand vizier, today.

It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred at Bagdad but this is not confirmed officially.

The grand vizier's resignation, it is understood, was due to intrigues against him in the Chamber and threats by the Committee of Union and Progress to engineer a parliamentary vote of want of confidence in the government.

DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHTSHIP

Vessel Now Back at Her Station. Struck by 90 Mile Gale.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Diamond Shoals lightship which was blown ten miles off her station on Christmas day, is back at the proper anchorage tonight. The gale that took on the lightship raged as high as ninety miles an hour.

WU TING FANG TO LEAVE.

Delivered Address at Dinner in New York Last Night.

New York, Dec. 28.—In discussing the outbreak of the Tong war in this city, in which two Chinamen were murdered last night, Wu Ting Fang, the retiring Chinese minister who was the guest here at a dinner tonight of the Chinese Bankers and Merchants' Association, made a short address.

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